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## CATHOLIC PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS FOR MEN

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## Lay Baptism

**PROVIDED** an infant or adult is in danger of dying before a priest can be procured, any other person, whether man, woman, or child, may baptize in the following manner:

While pouring common water on the head or face of the person, pronounce the words:

I BAPTIZE THEE IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST.



## Table of Feasts and Fasts

### Holydays of Obligation

All Sundays of the Year

Circumcision, Jan. 1st

Ascension Day

Assumption, Aug. 15th

All Saints, Nov. 1st

Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8th

Christmas Day, Dec. 25th

### Days of Abstinence

All Fridays of the Year

Exception: Holydays of Obligation  
are never days of Fast or Ab-  
stinence.

### Days of Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday

Wednesdays \* and Fridays of Lent

Ember Days

Vigils of Pentecost, Assumption,

All Saints and Christmas

### Days of Fast Only

The Days of Lent besides those just  
mentioned

There is no Fast or Abstinence on  
Sundays and Holydays.

\* By special Indult granted to the Hierarchy of  
the United States: consequently the Universal Law  
specifying Saturday is not enforced in this country.

## TABLE OF MOVEABLE FEASTS

Year of our Lord.	Septuagesima Sunday.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter Sunday.	Ascension Day.	Whit- sun- day.	Corpus Christi.	Sundays after Pentecost.	First Sunday of Advent.
1924	Feb. 17	Mar. 5	Ap. 20	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1925	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	Ap. 12	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1926	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	Ap. 4	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1927	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	Ap. 17	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1928	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	Ap. 8	May 17	May 27	June 7	26	Dec. 2
1929	Jan. 27	Feb. 13	Mar. 31	May -9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1930	Feb. 16	Mar. 5	Ap. 20	May 29	June 8	June 19	24	Nov. 30
1931	Feb. 1	Feb. 15	Ap. 8	May 14	May 24	June -4	26	Nov. 29
1932	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 27	May 5	May 15	May 26	27	Nov. 27
1933	Feb. 12	Mar. 1	Ap. 16	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1934	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	Ap. 1	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1935	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	Ap. 21	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1936	Feb. 9	Feb. 25	Ap. 12	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 28
1937	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	Mar. 28	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1938	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	Ap. 17	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1939	Feb. 6	Feb. 22	Ap. 9	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3
1940	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	Mar. 24	May 3	May 13	May 23	28	Dec. 1
1941	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	Ap. 13	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1942	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Ap. 6	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1943	Feb. 21	Mar. 10	Ap. 25	June 3	June 13	June 24	23	Nov. 28
1944	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	Ap. 9	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3
1945	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	Ap. 1	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1946	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	Ap. 21	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1947	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	Ap. 6	May 15	May 25	June 5	26	Nov. 30
1948	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	Mar. 28	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1949	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	Ap. 17	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1950	Feb. 6	Feb. 22	Ap. 9	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3
1951	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	Mar. 25	May 3	May 13	May 24	28	Dec. 2
1952	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Ap. 13	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1953	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	Ap. 6	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1954	Feb. 14	Mar. 3	Ap. 18	May 27	June 6	June 17	24	Nov. 28
1955	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	Ap. 10	May 19	May 29	June 9	25	Nov. 27

The first year in each of the above divisions is Leap Year.





## Counsels and Maxims

### For Young Men

**L**OOK upward, not downward; forward, not backward; and press on to the goal.

We sleep and dream that life is beauty; we awake and find that it is also duty.

Not all who go to church are good, but the best people in every community are churchgoers.

We are weak enough with religion; what should we be without it?

The best recommendation you can give of your religion is your own life.

Your faith is more precious than all the riches of earth, more glorious than all its honors, for it leads to riches that corrupt not, and to glories that fade not.

The Church does not create new doctrines; she is the custodian and expositor of Christ's doctrines.

A moment's prayerful attention each morning to offer the works of the day to God will make the whole day a pleasing prayer.

Be generous, but not at the expense of others' time or property.

Be grateful, because gratitude for favors received is a potent means of securing still greater favors; ingratitude dries up favors at their source.

An ungrateful son is rightly detested by God and man.

Son, support the old age of thy father, and grieve him not in his life. And if his understanding fail, have patience with him, and despise him not when thou art in thy strength, for the relieving of the father will not be forgotten.

Kind words are the music of the world, and politeness its polish.

All pleasures are deadly which are not in harmony with God's commandments.

He who walks in the presence of God makes steady progress on his journey, and never stumbles.

He who gives to the poor gives to Christ.

The man who receives the Sacraments but once a year is shielded by thin armor.

No one is good for everything; every one is good for something. Do your bit, and do it well.

If you want to be somebody, do something. Don't be one of those who could do something if they wanted to.

If we waited for perfection before starting, little would be accomplished.

Yesterday is past, tomorrow is uncertain, today is short; if you have anything to do, do it now. Procrastination is the thief of time.

The resourceful man is one who, when he cannot do a thing one way, does it another.

A true man will not fail to acknowledge when he is wrong, nor to express regret when he occasions hurt to others.

What a noble weapon is silence! It turns aside the tempest of anger; before it hatred and malice are abashed, if not defeated; slander and detraction are hushed in its presence; idle gossip soon grows tired in the face of its rebuke. If we could but keep silence, the world would be rid of half its evils.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. And you know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in himself.

Avoid bad shows, bad reading, bad company; for he that loves danger shall perish in it.

Be not lead away by the crowd, for many follow the broad way that leads to destruction.

To neglect prayer, assistance at Holy Mass, and the frequentation of the Sacraments, is to be a bad Catholic and a bad citizen.

If you pray, you will certainly save your soul; if you do not, you will certainly lose it.

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart be in that which is good in the days of thy youth; and know that for all these, God will bring thee to judgment.

Beware of those who set one standard of morals for men and another for women. The girl you marry has a right to expect the same innocence and purity in you that you require of her.

Self-restraint is a sign of the man; self-indulgence signifies the brute.

Courtship is not a time for mere sociability, much less for dissipation, but a pleasant period in which to study the character of the one you hope to marry. In choosing a wife, remember that beauty is only skin deep; whereas character and a good disposition are of long life.

Never keep regular company with a girl whom you have no intention of marrying; it is an injustice to her and a danger to yourself.

Never think of marrying a girl who does not inspire you with reverence and incite you to virtue.

Do not marry until you are able to support a wife, and then marry a girl who is satisfied to live on your income.

The girl who invites familiarities and is loose during courtship will hardly be faithful as a wife. Shun her.

There will be difficulties enough in married life if you start right; therefore choose a girl of your own faith.



Since love is blind, it will pay you to pray for guidance and to seek good advice before assuming the burdens of married life.

The passions in man are like the forces of nature; they are useful as obedient servants, but merciless tyrants as masters.

Believe me, the mortification of the senses, — of the sight, the hearing, the tongue, — is more beneficial than to wear a chain of iron and the hairshirt.

God has entrusted to your care a human body which must be returned to Him. See that you are not found wanting in your stewardship.

It is shameful to commit sin, but never a shame to confess sin to one's confessor.

Young men should not hesitate to consult their confessors in or out of the confessional about their vocation. That is part of a priest's duty.

When in doubt, pray for guidance, for it is written "Ask and you shall receive; knock and it shall be opened to you."

## Counsels and Maxims

### For Married Men

HUSBANDS, love your wives, as Christ also loved the Church, and delivered Himself up for it.

A husband should strive to continue after marriage the manly chivalry, strength, generosity and tenderness that made him so attractive in the days of his courtship.

If you cannot find peace and happiness in the family circle, where will you find them? Certainly not outside in the world, for the world cares nothing for you.

Reverence is the product of the home, and what is learned in the home is never forgotten.

The unselfish husband will never be unmindful of the great burdens and sacrifices which wifehood and motherhood lay upon a woman.

The chief blessings to be sought in married life are congenial companionship and spiritual helpfulness.

If a husband does not find his chief interest and pleasure in his home, there is something wrong with him, or with his wife, or with both.

After marriage your wife should come first in your affections, but this does not mean that you are to neglect your mother or father, whom you can never repay for all they have done for you.

If husband and wife are properly mated, co-operation takes the place of "bossing."

The Church is opposed to every kind of birth control that does not result from self-control, for the reason that such practice is contrary to the laws of nature.

Parents may advise, but should never force upon their children any particular career in life.

A Catholic education is a far better legacy to children than money and worldly advantages.

Jealousy is a vice so mean that its possessor is always ashamed to acknowledge it.

A loving soul illumines and warms the house better than a blazing hearth and a lighted lamp.

The married who live in harmony and mutual love can defy the world; without this unity, all the world cannot make them happy.

If children are not all they should be, it is usually the fault of the parents.

The true way to win the respect and obedience of your children is to show them good example.

A father who neglects prayer, Mass and the Sacraments, must never wonder when his sons do likewise.

The father should be the head, the mother the heart of the home.

Mutual consideration and forbearance are sure to make married life happy.

Marriage is not a permit to violate the laws of God and of nature.

Inordinate indulgence and race suicide are sure to wreck the happiness of married life.

You cannot have the respect of your children if you disrespect their mother.

Children bring blessings to every good home, and they are one of the surest guarantees of the unity and fidelity of the husband and the wife.

When parents make their homes unpleasant and disagreeable, the children will naturally go elsewhere for their recreation.

If any man have not care of his own, and especially of those of his house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel.

And at all times remember your contract:

I, N. N., take thee, N. N., for my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

## Counsels and Maxims

### For Unmarried Men

IF we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

No man can serve two masters. . . . He that is not with Me is against Me.

You can work for God and religion, no matter what your other occupation.

Good works without grace are like a body without a soul.

How can any Catholic man expect to be able to understand, to defend, and to appreciate his religion, when all his reading is from non-Catholic books and newspapers?

If we would impress others with the importance of religion and faith, we should let them see the fruits of these virtues in our own lives.

Without trouble much good would be absent from the world. Fortitude, self-sacrifice, mercy, and the like presuppose the existence of evils that call them forth.



Selfishness is one of the most blinding of sins; it closes the eyes of its victim to everyone except himself.

It is not what we do, or where we are, but what we are that counts.

It does not take brains to find fault. Try to get the other man's viewpoint.

To refuse to change your mind is no proof that you are right.

To resist moods and do the very opposite of what they suggest is a healthy form of self-conquest and hurts no one.

He that hath the substance of this world, and shall see his brother in need, and shall withhold aid from him, how doth the charity of God abide in him?

Most men eat and drink too much; few work or pray too much.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer.

Fear not them that kill the body and are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him that can destroy both body and soul in hell.

No one can love Our Lord who does not know about Him, and no one can be truly loyal to the Church who does not care to know her.

The fact that a man is free from the duties of family life, does not exempt him from duties to others, especially the poor and needy.

Drunkenness and impurity go together.

I say to the unmarried: it is good for them if they so continue even as I. But if they do not contain themselves, let them marry, for it is better to marry than to be burnt.

What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul?

In all thy works remember thy last end and thou shalt never sin.

Not everyone that saith to Me: Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doth the will of My Father Who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.

## Counsels and Maxims

### For Older Men

**S**PEAK thou the things that become sound doctrine: that the aged men be sober, chaste, prudent, sound in faith, in love, in patience.

Faith is a prop to the mind and a stay of the soul in all adversity.

Mercy and charity to the poor are a means of repaying Christ for what He has done for us throughout life.

If you are entrusted with wealth or authority, remember that you should but act as stewards in behalf of the poor and weak.

Pericles, the great Athenian ruler, when dying said that his greatest glory was that he had never caused one of his fellow-citizens to put on mourning.

We may appeal against the sentence of a judge, but no man can appeal against the sentence of his own conscience.

A peaceful mind is like a continual feast.

Thou hast made known to me the ways of life, Thou shalt fill me with the joys of Thy countenance. At Thy right hand are delights for evermore.

Behold I command thee: Take courage and be strong. Fear not and be not dismayed, because the Lord Thy God is with thee in all things.

Always be willing to learn. Saints like Anthony, Cyprian and Augustine admitted that they profited much by studying the good they saw in others.

A kind and encouraging word has saved many a one from wreck.

The glory of this world passes away; but the happiness of heaven abides forever.

Contentment surpasses riches.

As the crucible reveals true gold, so does affliction manifest the true friend of God.

Be not concerned that you are not known, but seek only to be worthy to be known.

Virtue is the finest ornament of knowledge, and knowledge is the finest ornament of virtue.

The saints regulated their lives according to the perfections of God, and did penance; we judge our conduct according to the standards of the world, and are satisfied. And yet it is the divine holiness by which we shall be judged.

A kind deed is worth more than a volume of empty words.

By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and thy neighbor as thyself.

A well-trained soul knows how to suffer and rejoice, without giving itself up too much either to grief or to delight.

The patient man is better than the valiant, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh cities.

If we wish to reform the world, the Church, or our neighbor, let us begin with ourselves.

Old people often become very selfish and arbitrary, thus rendering themselves odious and disagreeable to everyone around them.

We are soon forgotten after death. Let us, therefore, surround ourselves with good works while we may.

The number of man's days at most are a hundred years. As a drop of water of the sea are they esteemed, and as a pebble of the sands, so are a few years compared to eternity.

In all things look to the end, and how thou shalt be able to stand before a severe Judge, to Whom nothing is hidden, Who takes no bribes, nor receives excuses, but will judge that which is just.

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the proper things of the body according as he hath done, whether it be good or evil.



Why dost thou not prepare thyself for the day of judgment when no man shall be excused nor defended by another, but everyone shall have enough to do to answer for himself?

In My Father's house there are many mansions. If not, I would have told you, because I go to prepare a place for you.

Thus saith the Lord: Let thy voice cease from weeping, and thine eyes from tears, for there is a reward for thy work.

The redeemed of the Lord shall come into Sion with praise, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.



## A Rule of Life for Catholic Men

### Every Day

1. Begin and end each day with prayer, or say some prayers some time during the day.
2. Endeavor to spend at least a few moments each day in serious spiritual reflection, preferably with the aid of devout reading, if only a sentence or two.
3. Be faithful to all daily duties, in or out of the home.
4. If convenient, hear Mass each day and make a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

## Every Week

5. If you cannot hear Mass on a Sunday, make up for it by reading the Mass prayers from your prayer book, and hear a Mass some day during the week.

## Every Month

6. Have the practice of going to Confession and Communion, at least every month, preferably with some Church society.

## Every Year

7. Set aside a few days of your time each year to attend a layman's retreat; and always make the mission with your parish.

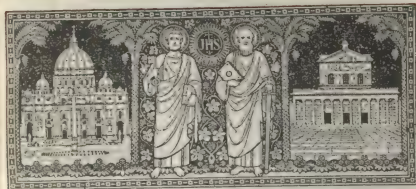
## Often

8. Make it a practice frequently to deny yourself some luxury, and to give to the poor and to religious causes according to your means.

## Always

9. Avoid at all times talk and conversations that are indecent or uncharitable.

10. Shun all company, visits, amusements and reading that tend to waste, or are dangerous to morals.



## A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

*The Ten Commandments of God —  
Exodus xx*

1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
3. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
4. Honor thy father and thy mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.

*The Six Precepts of the Church*

1. To hear Mass on Sundays, and all holydays of obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on the days commanded.
3. To confess our sins at least once a year.
4. To receive the blessed Eucharist at Easter.
5. To contribute to the support of our pastors.
6. Not to solemnize marriage at the forbidden times; nor to marry persons within the forbidden degrees of kindred, or otherwise prohibited by the Church; nor clandestinely.

*Seven Sacraments*

- Baptism ..... *Matt. xxviii. 19.*  
 Confirmation ..... *Acts viii. 17.*  
 Eucharist ..... *Matt. xvi. 26.*  
 Penance ..... *John xx. 23.*  
 Extreme Unction . *James v. 14.*  
 Holy Orders ..... *Luke xxii. 19.*  
 Matrimony ..... *Matt. xix. 6.*

*The Three Theological Virtues*

Faith — Hope — and Charity

*The Four Cardinal Virtues*

Prudence — Justice — Fortitude —  
and Temperance

*The Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost*  
*Isa. xi. 2, 3*

Wisdom, Fortitude, Piety,  
Understanding, Knowledge, The Fear of  
Counsel, the Lord.

*The Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost*

Charity, Longanimity, Fidelity,  
Joy, Goodness, Modesty,  
Peace, Benignity, Continency,  
Patience, Mildness, Chastity.

*The Spiritual Works of Mercy*

To counsel the doubtful,  
To instruct the ignorant,  
To admonish sinners,  
To comfort the afflicted,  
To forgive offenses,  
To bear wrongs patiently, and  
To pray for the living and the dead.



*The Corporal Works of Mercy*

To feed the hungry,  
 To give drink to the thirsty,  
 To clothe the naked,  
 To harbor the harborless,  
 To visit the sick,  
 To ransom the captive, and  
 To bury the dead.

*The Eight Beatitudes — Matt. v*

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are the meek; for they shall possess the land.
3. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice; for they shall be filled.
5. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart; for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.
8. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

*The Seven Deadly Sins*

Pride,	} Contrary Virtues {	Humility.
Covetousness,		Liberality.
Lust,		Chastity.
Anger,		Meekness.
Gluttony,		Temperance.
Envy,		Brotherly love.
Sloth,		Diligence.

*Ways of being Accessory to Another's Sin*

By counsel — By command — By consent — By provocation — By praise or flattery — By concealment — By partaking — By silence — By defence of the ill done.

*Sins Crying to Heaven for Vengeance*

Wilful murder — The sin of Sodom — Oppression of the poor — Defrauding laborers of their wages.

*Truths which All are Obligated to Know*

1. There is one God.
2. There is a future state of reward and punishment.
3. There are Three Persons in God.
4. The Second Divine Person became Man for our salvation.

*Truths We are Commanded to Know*

1. The Articles of the Apostles' Creed.
2. The doctrine of the Sacraments, especially of Baptism, Penance, Holy Eucharist.
3. The Commandments of God and the Church and the duties of one's state of life.
4. The Lord's Prayer and Hail Mary.

*Sins against the Holy Ghost*

Presumption of God's mercy — Despair — Impugning the known truth — Envy at another's spiritual good — Obstinacy in sin — Final impenitence.

*Three Eminent Good Works*

Alms-deeds, or works of mercy — Prayer — and Fasting.

*The Evangelical Counsels*

Voluntary poverty — Chastity — and Obedience.

*The Four Last Things to be Remembered*  
Death — Judgment — Hell — Heaven.

*Morning Prayers*

Morning prayers should comprise adoration of the Divine Majesty, thanksgiving for His protection during the night, and consecration of the day to God's service.

*On awakening, make the Sign of the Cross, and rising from your bed, say:*

**I**N the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified, I arise. May He bless my work, govern my every action and preserve me from harm this day.

*Kneeling down put yourself in the presence of God, realizing that He is anxious to hear and help you.*

**A**REE my mind, O Lord, from all distracting thoughts, and enable me to pray at all times with attention and devotion, so that I may deserve to be heard by Thee. I offer Thee my prayers in union with that divine intention with which Thou Thyself, while on earth, didst render praises to God.

### ACTS OF ADORATION

**B**LESSED be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and forevermore.

Unto the King of ages, the immortal, invisible, and only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

I thank Thee, O my Father, for the innumerable favors and benefits which I have received from Thy loving kindness and mercy, especially for having preserved me this night.

Glory be to the Father Who has created me, glory be to the Son Who has redeemed me, glory be to the Holy Ghost Who has sanctified me.

### MORNING OFFERING

**O** JESUS, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer Thee my prayers, works and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Thy Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all our Associates and in particular for the intention of the Apostleship of Prayer.



### Prayers for Every Day

#### *The Lord's Prayer*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

#### *The Angelical Salutation*

**H**AIL, Mary, full of grace! the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



*The Apostles' Creed*

**I** BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Confiteor*

**I** CONFESS to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault

Therefore I beseech blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May the Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

*Act of Faith*

**O** MY God, I firmly believe all the sacred truths which Thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because Thou hast revealed them, Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.

*Act of Hope*

**O** MY God, relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the assistance of Thy grace, and life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

## Act of Charity

O MY God! I love Thee above all things with my whole heart and soul, because Thou art all-good, and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

(Ind. of 7 years and 7 quarantines for saying the acts of faith, hope and charity each time. — BENE-DICT XIV, Jan. 28, 1756.)

## The Angelus

THE angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost. Hail, Mary, etc.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail, Mary, etc.

V. AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH.

R. And dwelt among us. Hail, Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

## Let us Pray

POUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the Glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

(Ind. of 100 days, each time. — LEO XIII, May 20, 1896.)

## The Regina Cæli

BRIGHT Queen of heaven! your joy declare; Alleluia.

For He, Whom you deserved to bear; Alleluia.

Hath, as He said, rose from the grave; Alleluia.

Petition God our souls to save. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. For He hath truly risen. Alleluia.

*Let us Pray*

**O** GOD! Who by the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, hast vouchsafed to rejoice the world, grant, we beseech Thee, that by the intercession of His Virgin Mother, Mary, we may receive the joys of eternal life, through the same Christ, our Lord.

(Ind. of 100 days, each time. — LEO XIII, May 20, 1896.)

**Grace at Meals***Before Meals*

**B**LESS us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord.

*After Meals*

**W**E give Thee thanks, O almighty God, for all Thy mercies. Who livest and reignest forever and ever.

**Evening Prayers**

Never neglect night prayers. Offer up fervent supplications that you may be protected from harm while you rest. Each night may be your last.

**I**N the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Act of Thanksgiving**

**I** MOST heartily thank Thee, O Lord, for all Thy mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and upon Thy whole Church; and particularly for those I have received from Thee this day, in watching over me, and preserving me from so many evils, and favoring me with so many graces and inspirations. [*Here pause and meditate on God's mercies.*] Oh, let me never more be ungrateful unto Thee, my God, Who art so good and gracious.



### Examination of Conscience

**O** MY Lord Jesus Christ, Judge of the living and the dead, before Whom I must appear one day to give an exact account of my whole life; enlighten me, I beseech Thee, and give me an humble and contrite heart, that I may see wherein I have offended Thine infinite Majesty, and judge myself now with such a just severity, that then Thou mayest judge me with mercy and clemency.

Here pause a moment and consider where and in what company you have been this day. Call to mind the sins committed against God, your neighbor, or yourself; and reflect whether you have fulfilled the duties of your state of life.

Offenses against God: Omission or negligence in religious duties; irreverence and wilful distractions in prayer; lack of confidence and resignation; cursing, swearing, etc.

Against the neighbor: Want of obedience or respect; scandal, hatred, quarreling; stealing, injuries; lies, false reports; jealousy, desire of revenge, etc.

Against self: Vanity, human respect; thoughts, desires or language against purity; intemperance in eating or drinking; laziness and neglect of one's duties.

### *The Confiteor*

**I** CONFESS to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of all my sins.

## Act of Contrition

O MY God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

## An Evening Hymn

Now that the daylight dies away,  
By all Thy grace and love,  
Thee, Maker of the world, we pray  
To watch our bed above.

Let dreams depart and phantoms fly,  
The offspring of the night;  
Keep us, like shrines, beneath Thine eye,  
Pure in our foes' despite.

This grace on Thy redeemed confer,  
Father, co-equal Son,  
And Holy Ghost, the Comforter,  
Eternal Three in One.

Prayer for the Departed, Especially  
Our Friends and Benefactors

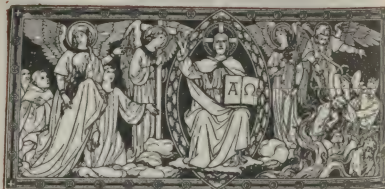
O GOD! the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed, the remission of all their sins, that, through pious supplications, they may obtain that pardon, which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest forever and ever.

## Act of Petition

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy angels dwell herein, to preserve us in peace; and may Thy blessing be always upon us, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Save us, O Lord, when we are awake, and keep us while we sleep, that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace.





## Devotions for Confession

### Prayers before Confession

Each confession should be made as carefully as if it were to be the last one of our lives. First, we should beg God's mercy, and ask Him to give us light to know our sins, and grace to detest them: then diligently examine our conscience.

### A Prayer

**I** HAVE sinned against God and man and I am sorry. Increase my sorrow O Lord and encourage true contrition in my soul and a firm purpose of sinning no more. Enlighten my understanding and assist me in bringing to mind my transgressions that I can make a worthy confession and again be pleasing in Thy sight. In Thy goodness assist me dear Lord, because without Thee I am helpless.

## Examination of Conscience

It is necessary to tell in confession all the mortal or grievous sins we have been guilty of since our last worthy confession, adding also any venial sins we can remember.

### Preliminary Examination

When did you make your last confession? Did you have real sorrow for the sins then told? Did you conceal or forget any mortal sin? Have you performed your penance, and done as your confessor directed? Have you really tried to keep your good resolutions?

### Table of Sins against the Commandments

**FIRST COMMANDMENT:** Have you doubted in matters of faith? consulted fortune-tellers? believed in dreams? made use of superstitious practices? gone to places of false worship? belonged to forbidden societies? read anti-Catholic books and papers? neglected your religious instruction? omitted religious duties through human respect? Have you murmured against God, or despised of His mercy? Or have you



rashly presumed on His goodness in committing sin? Have you neglected your daily prayers? been irreverent toward God, sacred persons, places, or things?

**SECOND COMMANDMENT:** Have you taken the name of God in vain? spoken disrespectfully of the Saints or holy things? sworn falsely, rashly, or in slight trivial matters? Have you cursed, blasphemed, or caused others to do so?

**THIRD COMMANDMENT:** Have you kept holy the Sunday and holydays by assisting at Mass with devotion? Have you performed or commanded unnecessary servile work? bought or sold without necessity, or in any other way profaned these days?

**FOURTH COMMANDMENT:** Have you shown due honor and obedience to your parents, pastors, and other superiors? Have you been respectful to aged persons? Have you had proper care for your children and those dependent upon you, in particular as regards religious training and duties? Have you given them good example?

**FIFTH COMMANDMENT:** Have you procured, desired, or hastened the death of any one? Have you been guilty of anger, hatred, quarreling, revenge? used provoking language, insulting words, ridicule? refused to speak to others? caused enmities? given scandal?

**SIXTH AND NINTH COMMANDMENTS:** Have you been guilty of impurity or immodesty in thoughts, words, or actions? Have you put yourself in an occasion of sin by reading bad books, keeping bad company, attending immoral performances, and the like? Have you been an occasion of sin to others by your conversation, dress, actions?

**SEVENTH AND TENTH COMMANDMENTS:** Have you stolen or retained ill-gotten goods? cheated? refused to pay your just debts? damaged or wasted the property of others? accepted bribes? neglected to make restitution, or to help the poor? Have you coveted what belongs to others?

**EIGHTH COMMANDMENT:** Have you borne false witness for or against another? been guilty of detraction, flattery, hypocrisy, lying, rash judgment?

*Table of Sins against the Precepts  
of the Church*

1. Have you observed the Sundays and holydays by hearing Mass and avoiding servile works?

2. Have you neglected prescribed fasts and abstinences without sufficient reason?

3. Have you confessed your mortal sins at least once a year?

4. Have you gone to Holy Communion during the Easter time?

5. Have you contributed according to your means to religion and the Church?

6. Have you married not in accordance with the laws of the Catholic Church, or aided others in doing so?

*Table of Capital Sins*

1. Have you been guilty of pride, vainglory, love of applause, contempt of others?

2. Have you been too eager in seeking the goods of this world, or had your heart set on them?

3. Have you violated the Sixth and Ninth Commandments in any way?

4. Have you been guilty of unreasonable anger, or disagreeableness of disposition?

5. Have you eaten or drunk to excess, or caused others to do so?

6. Have you rejoiced at the misfortune, or been grieved at the success of others?

7. Have you wasted time in idleness and self-indulgence? Have you neglected the duties of your state of life, or performed them remissly? Have you desired to commit sin, or gloried in sin committed?

For other classes of sins which may have been committed, or for virtues which have been neglected, see *Abridgment of Christian Doctrine*, page 31.

*An Act of Contrition*

O MY God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

## Manner of Making Confession

Having entered the confessional, place yourself in the presence of God, Who sees all things, and then address His minister:

**B**LESS me, Father, for I have sinned. I confess to Almighty God, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, deed and omission, through my fault.

It has been one week, (or, — weeks), since my last worthy confession. I accuse myself of having committed, during that time, the following sins:

Without exaggerating or extenuating the offenses of which you may be conscious, tell them, as if to God Himself, with a humble, sorrowful and contrite heart. Afterwards, it will be well, though it is never obligatory, to specify some one sin of the past which is especially calculated to dispose the soul to deeper contrition. This being briefly done, say:

For these, and for all the sins of which I have at any time been guilty, I humbly ask pardon of God, and absolution of you, Father, if you think me worthy.

Then listen attentively to anything the confessor may choose to say; humbly accept the penance he imposes; and, when he raises his hand in absolution, recite the Act of Contrition.

## Prayers after Confession

After confession we should return thanks to God for His mercies in forgiving our sins, beg that He supply whatever has been wanting to us and bless our good resolutions, and immediately thereafter say our penance.

## Prayer for Perseverance

**M**Y Lord and my God! In the greatness of Thy mercy Thou hast received me as Thy prodigal child. I thank Thee with all the power of my soul. I came to Thee a sinful man and Thou hast received me with mercy. I was an outcast but Thou hast welcomed me as a friend. Without Thee, O Lord, I am nothing but misery and sin, but with Thee I have everything. I am weak, strengthen me O Lord, I am tired, refresh my soul that I become strong and robust in my determination to live the life of a manly Catholic and properly and fearlessly perform the duties of my state of life, ever filled with the fear and love of God, my Creator and Redeemer.





## Devotions for Holy Communion

### Preparation for Holy Communion

We should never approach the holy table unless free from grievous sin, and without some previous devout preparation. The benefit we derive from our Communion is in proportion to our devotion.

### Prayer of Supplication

**G**OD, the Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus Christ Thy Son, I present myself before Thee. I come as one sick to the physician of life, as one unclean to the source of all mercy, as one blind to the light of the eternal sun, as one poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

I beg of Thee, from the abundance of Thine immense goodness, to heal my infirmity, cleanse me from my sins, illumine my understanding, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. Allow me to receive the Bread of angels, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, with reverence and humility, contrition and devotion, purity and faith, with uprightness of purpose and intention, for the better salvation of my immortal soul.

## Abandonment to God

**T**AKE my body, Jesus,  
 Eyes and ears and tongue;  
 Never let them, Jesus,  
 Help to do Thee wrong.  
 Take my heart and fill it  
 Full of love for Thee.  
 All I have I give Thee,  
 Give Thyself to me.

## Intention

**J**OY with peace, amendment of life, space for true repentance, the grace and comfort of the Holy Ghost, perseverance in good works, a contrite and humble heart, and a happy consummation of my life, grant unto me, O almighty and merciful Lord.

## At Communion

Go quietly to the railing with hands devoutly folded, and kneel. As the priest turns to pronounce the words of absolution, renew your Act of Contrition. As he approaches to give you the Host, moderately raise your head, open your mouth, resting the end of your tongue on the lower lip. After this, return to your place, having your eyes cast down and hands again reverently folded.



## Thanksgiving after Holy Communion

Returning to your seat, reflect on the Sacred Mysteries you have just received, giving free expression to your devotion in your own words. The following prayers will be found useful as aids to your sentiments of worship, thanksgiving, petition, etc.

## Talking with God

**T**HOU hast come to me, my Lord and my God. Thou, Whom the angels desire to behold, hast come to strengthen my weaknesses. My Jesus, in this moment of rapture, let my soul be refreshed from Thy fountain of grace. I have earnestly sought Thee, and having found Thee let me enjoy in full the realization of Thy coming. I burden Thee with my requests, but to whom, Lord, can I appeal but to Thee, my Lord and my God. May I be ever Thine.

### Prayer Before a Crucifix

*To be said kneeling after Communion*

**L**OOK down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. Meanwhile, I contemplate with great love and tender mercy Thy five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me, and calling to mind the words which David in prophecy made Thee say concerning Thyself, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and feet; they have numbered all My bones."

(*Plen. Ind. Conditions: Conf., Comm., Prayers for intention of Holy Father. — PIUS IX. July 31, 1858.*)

### Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

**O** MOST Holy, noble and glorious Virgin Mary, who wast found worthy to bear in thy sacred womb the Creator of all, and at thy virginal breast to nourish Him Whose true, real, and most





holy Body and Blood I, an unworthy sinner, have just now been privileged to receive; I humbly beseech thee, to intercede with Him for me a sinner; that whatsoever, by ignorance or neglect, by accident or irreverence, I have left undone, or have done amiss, in receiving this holy Sacrament, may be pardoned through thy prayers to our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest forever and ever.

### Anima Christi

**S**OUL of Christ, be my sanctification;  
Body of Christ, be my salvation;  
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins;  
Water from Christ's side, wash out my stains;

Passion of Christ, my comfort be,  
O good Jesus, listen to me.  
In Thy wounds I fain would hide,  
Ne'er to be parted from Thy side.  
Guard me when the foe assails me;  
Guide me when my feet shall fail me;  
Bid me come to Thee above,  
With Thy saints to sing Thy love, forever  
and ever.



## DEVOTIONS FOR MASS

### The Ordinary of the Mass

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ. The Mass is a daily renewal of the Passion of Christ and an application to our souls of the fruits thereof.

### The Asperges

The Asperges, or sprinkling with holy water, is performed every Sunday, immediately before High Mass, except when the Bishop celebrates pontifically.

**ANTIPHON.**  
Asperges me,

Domine, hyssopo,  
et mundabor: lava-  
bis me, et super  
nivem dealbabor.

**ANTIPHON.**  
Thou shalt  
sprinkle me, O Lord,  
with hyssop, and I  
shall be cleansed:  
Thou shalt wash  
me, and I shall be  
made whiter than  
snow.

*Psalm l. 3.*  
Miserere mei, Deus,  
secundum magnam  
misericordiam  
tuam.

*Versicle.* Gloria  
Patri, etc.

*Ant.* Asperges  
me, etc.

*The priest, being returned to the foot of  
the altar, says the following versicles  
and prayer:*

**O**STENDE nobis,  
Domine, miseri-  
cordiam tuam.

*R.* Et salutare  
tuum da nobis.

*V.* Domine, ex-  
audi orationem  
meam.

*R.* Et clamor  
meus ad te veniat.

*V.* Dominus vo-  
biscum.

*R.* Et cum spi-  
ritu tuo.

*Psalm l. 3.*  
Have mercy on me,  
O God, according to  
Thy great mercy.

*Versicle.* Glory  
beto the Father, etc.

*Ant.* Thou shalt  
sprinkle me, etc.

**S**HOW us Thy  
mercy, O Lord.

*R.* And grant us  
Thy salvation.

*V.* O Lord, hear  
my prayer.

*R.* And let my  
cry come unto Thee.

*V.* The Lord be  
with you.

*R.* And with thy  
spirit.

*Let us Pray*

**E**XAUDI nos,  
Domine sancte,  
Pater omnipotens,  
æterne Deus; et  
mittere digneris  
sanctum Angelum  
tuum de cælis, qui  
custodiat, foveat,  
protegat, visitet, at-  
que defendat omnes  
habitantes in hoc  
habituaculo. Per  
Christum Domi-  
num nostrum.  
Amen.

**H**EAR us, O holy  
Lord, Father al-  
mighty, everlasting  
God; and vouch-  
safe to send Thy  
holy angel from  
heaven, to guard,  
cherish, protect,  
visit, and defend all  
those that are as-  
sembled together  
in this house.  
Through Christ our  
Lord.  
Amen.

From Easter to Pentecost inclusively, instead of  
the foregoing antiphon, the following is sung, and  
Alleluia is added to the versicle (*Ostende nobis*),  
and also to its response (*Et salutare*).

*The Vidi Aquam*

**A**NTIPHON.  
Vidi aquam  
egredientem de  
templo a latere dex-  
tro, Alleluia; et

**A**NTIPHON.  
I saw water  
flowing from the  
right side of the  
temple, Alleluia;

omnes ad quos per-  
venit aqua ista salvi  
facti sunt, et dicent,  
Alleluia, alleluia.

*Psalm cxvii. 1.*  
Confitemini Do-  
mino, quoniam  
bonus: quoniam in  
sæculum misericor-  
dia ejus. Gloria  
Patri, etc.

and all unto whom  
that water came  
were saved, and  
they shall say, Alle-  
luia, alleluia.

*Psalm cxvii. 1. O*  
praise the Lord, for  
He is good; for His  
mercy endureth for-  
ever. Glory be to  
the Father, etc.

*The Antiphon Vidi aquam is repeated.*



## The First Part of the Mass, or the Mass of the Catechumens

The term "catechumens" designates those who have been receiving religious instruction, but have not yet been admitted to Baptism. In the early days of the Church these candidates were allowed to be present only for the first part of the Mass, being dismissed just before the Offertory.

### 1. Preparatory Prayers at the Foot of the Altar

IN nomine Patris,  
✠ et Filii, et  
Spiritus Sancti.  
Amen.

IN the name of  
the Father, ✠  
and of the Son, and  
of the Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

*Antiphon.* In-  
troibo ad altare  
Dei.

*Antiphon.* I will  
go unto the altar of  
God.



*Response.* Ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam. | *Response.* To God Who giveth joy to my youth.

*Psalm XLII*

*To be omitted in Passion-tide and in Masses for the Dead.*

**J**UDICA me, Deus, et discerne causam meam degente non sancta: ab homine iniquo, et doloso erue me.

*Ministers.* Quia tu es Deus fortitudo mea: quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?

*Priest.* Emitte lucem tuam, et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt, et adduxerunt in mon-

**J**UDGE me, O Lord, and distinguish my cause from the nation not holy: deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man.

*Ministers.* For Thou, O God, art my strength: why hast Thou cast me off? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

*Priest.* Send forth Thy light and truth: they have conducted me and brought me unto

tem sanctum tuum, et in tabernacula tua.

*M.* Et introibo ad altare Dei: ad Deum qui lætificat juventutem meam.

*P.* Confitebor tibi in cithara, Deus, Deus meus; quare tristis es, anima mea, et quare conturbas me?

*M.* Spera in Deo, quoniam adhuc confitebor illi: salutare vultus mei, et Deus meus.

*P.* Gloria Patri, et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

*M.* Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in

Thy holy mount and into Thy tabernacles.

*M.* And I will go unto the altar of God: to God, Who giveth joy to my youth.

*P.* To Thee, O God, my God, I will give praise upon the harp: why art thou sad, my soul, and why dost thou disquiet me?

*M.* Hope in God, for I will still give praise to Him: the salvation of my countenance and my God.

*P.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*M.* As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall

sæcula sæculorum.  
Amen.

*Ant.* Introibo ad  
altare Dei.

*R.* Ad Deum,  
qui lætificat juven-  
tutem meam.

*V.* Adjutorium  
nostrum in nomine  
Domini.

*R.* Qui fecit cæl-  
um et terram.

*Humbly bowing down, the priest con-  
tinues:*

**C**ONFITEOR  
Deo omnipo-  
tenti, beatæ Mariæ  
semper Virgini, bea-  
to Michaeli Archan-  
gelo, beato Joanni  
Baptistæ, sanctis  
Apostolis Petro et  
Paulo, omnibus  
Sanctis, et vobis,  
fratres, quia peccavi

be, world without  
end. Amen.

*Ant.* I will go in  
unto the altar of  
God.

*R.* Unto God,  
Who giveth joy to  
my youth.

*V.* Our help is in  
the name of the  
Lord.

*R.* Who hath  
made heaven and  
earth.

**I** CONFESS TO  
almighty God,  
to blessed Mary  
ever Virgin, to  
blessed Michael the  
Archangel, to  
blessed John the  
Baptist, to the holy  
Apostles Peter and  
Paul, and to all the  
Saints, and to you,

nimis cogitatione,  
verbo, et opere, mea  
culpa, mea culpa,  
mea maxima culpa.  
Ideo precor beatam  
Mariam semper  
Virginem, beatum  
Michaellem Arch-  
angelum, beatum  
Joannem Baptis-  
tam, sanctos Aposto-  
los Petrum et  
Paulum, omnes  
Sanctos, et vos, fra-  
tres, orare pro me  
ad Dominum Deum  
nostrum.

*M.* Misereatur  
tui omnipotens  
Deus, et dimissis  
peccatis tuis, per-  
ducat te ad vitam  
æternam.

*P.* Amen.

brethren, that I  
have sinned exceed-  
ingly in thought,  
word, and deed,  
through my fault,  
through my fault,  
through my most  
grievous fault.  
Therefore I beseech  
blessed Mary ever  
Virgin, blessed  
Michael the Arch-  
angel, blessed John  
the Baptist, the  
holy Apostles Peter  
and Paul, and all  
the Saints, and you,  
brethren, to pray to  
the Lord our God  
for me.

*M.* May al-  
mighty God have  
mercy upon thee,  
and forgive thee  
thy sins, and bring  
thee unto life ever-  
lasting.

*P.* Amen.

*The ministers then recite the Confiteor.*

**MISEREATUR** vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris, perducatur vos ad vitam æternam.

M. Amen.

**INDULGENTIAM** ✠ absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum nostrorum tribuat nobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

M. Amen.

*Again bowing, the priest continues:*

V. Deus, tu conversus vivificabis nos.

**MAY** almighty God have mercy upon you, and forgive you your sins, and bring you unto life everlasting.

M. Amen.

**MAY** the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of our sins.

M. Amen.

R. Et plebs tua lætabitur in te.

V. Ostende nobis, Domine, misericordiam tuam.

R. Et salutare tuum da nobis.

V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam.

R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat.

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

R. And thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

V. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord.

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Going up to the altar, the priest says inaudibly:*

**HAUFER** a nobis, quæsumus, Domine, iniquitates nostras: ut ad Sancta sanctorum

**TAKE** away from us our iniquities, we beseech Thee, O Lord: that we may be worthy to enter



puris mereamur  
mentibus introire.  
Per Christum Do-  
minum nostrum.  
Amen.

with pure minds  
into the Holy of  
holies. Through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Bowing down over the altar, the priest  
kisses it, saying:*

ORAMUS te, Do-  
mine, per merita  
Sanctorum tuorum  
quorum reliquiae hic  
sunt, et omnium  
Sanctorum, ut in-  
dulgere digneris  
omnia peccata mea.  
Amen.

WE beseech Thee,  
O Lord, by the  
merits of Thy saints  
whose relics are  
here, and of all the  
saints, that Thou  
wouldest vouchsafe  
to forgive me all my  
sins. Amen.

*At Solemn Mass incense is blessed*

IB illo benedicaris  
in cuius honore  
cremaberis.  
Amen.

BE thou blessed  
by Him in whose  
honor thou shalt  
burn. Amen.

## 2. From the Introit to the Collect

At Solemn Mass the altar is incensed before the Introit and Kyrie. The use of incense is intended to symbolize prayer, according to the words of the Psalmist: "Let my prayer, O Lord, be directed as incense in Thy sight" (Ps. cxl. 2).

### *The Introit*

The Introit and other variable parts of the Mass here given are taken from the Mass of the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

### *Philippians ii. 10, 11*

In the name of Jesus let every knee bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; and let every tongue confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

### *Psalm viii. 2*

O Lord our Lord, how admirable is Thy Name in the whole earth!

V. Glory be to the Father, etc.

### *The Kyrie*

KYRIE eleison,

Ministers. Kyrie  
eleison,

ORD, have  
mercy,  
Ministers. Lord,  
have mercy,

P. Kyrie eleison,	P. Lord, have mercy,
M. Christe elei-son,	M. Christ, have mercy,
P. Christe elei-son,	P. Christ, have mercy,
M. Christe elei-son,	M. Christ, have mercy,
P. Kyrie eleison,	P. Lord, have mercy,
M. Kyrie elei-son,	M. Lord, have mercy,
P. Kyrie eleison.	P. Lord, have mercy.

### The Gloria

Afterwards, at the middle of the altar, the priest says the *Gloria in excelsis*, the magnificent hymn of adoration. The *Gloria* is omitted on Sundays during Lent and Advent.

**G**LORIA in excelsis Deo; et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus te; benedicimus te; adoramus te; glorificamus te. Gratias agimus

**G**LORY be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we worship Thee; we glorify Thee. We

tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe: Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis: qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram: qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus: tu solus Dominus: tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us: Thou Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer: Thou Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou only art holy: Thou only art the Lord: Thou only, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## 3. The Collect

*The priest kisses the altar, and, turning to the people says:*

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oremus.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*The Collect*

**O** GOD, Who hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son to be the Saviour of mankind, and hast commanded that His name should be called Jesus, mercifully grant that we may enjoy in heaven the blessed vision of Him Whose holy Name we worship on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## 4. From the Epistle to the Creed

EPISTLE. Acts iv. 8-12

**I**N those days: — Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: Ye rulers of the people and ancients, hear. If we this day are examined concerning the

good deed done to the infirm man, by what means he hath been made whole, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom ye crucified, Whom God hath raised from the dead, by Him this man standeth here before you whole. This is the stone which was rejected by you the builders, which is become the head of the corner: neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other Name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved.

R. Deo gratias.

R. Thanks be to God.

*The Gradual*

*Psalm cv. 47.* Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations: that we may give thanks to Thy holy Name, and may glory in Thy praise.

V. *Isaias lxiii. 16.* Thou, O Lord, art our Father and our Redeemer, from everlasting is Thy Name.

Alleluia, alleluia.



V. *Psalm cxliv. 21.* My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy Name, alleluia.

*In votive Masses after Septuagesima the Alleluia and its verse is omitted and in its place the following Tract is said:*

V. O Lord God of Hosts, convert us, and show Thy face and we shall be saved; let Thy voice sound in mine ears.

V. For sweet is Thy voice, and Thy face exceeding fair.

V. Thy Name, O Jesus, is as oil poured forth, therefore have the maidens loved Thee.

*In Paschal time instead of the Gradual the following is said:*

Alleluia, Alleluia. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy Name. Alleluia.

I will extol Thee, O God my King, and bless Thy Name, O Jesus, forever: yea, forever and ever. Alleluia.

*Before the Gospel*

<p><b>M</b>UNDA cor meum ac labia mea, omnipotens Deus, qui labia Isaiae prophetae calculo mundasti ignito: ita me tua grata miseratione dignare mundare, ut sanctum Evange- lium tuum digne valeam nuntiare. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.</p>	<p><b>C</b>LEANSE my heart and my lips, O almighty God, Who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiahs with a burning coal; and vouchsafe, through Thy gra- cious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily pro- claim Thy holy Gos- pel. Through Christ our Lord.</p>
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Amen.

Jube Domine be-  
nedicere.

Dominus sit in  
corde meo et in la-  
biis meis, ut digne  
et competenter an-  
nuntiem Evange-  
lium suum.

Amen.

Amen.

Lord, grant Thy  
blessing.

The Lord be in  
my heart and on  
my lips, that I may  
worthily and fit-  
tingly proclaim His  
holy Gospel.

Amen.

*At Solemn Mass the deacon before singing the Gospel is blessed by the priest. The singing of the Gospel is accompanied by a procession, lights and incense. In other Masses the celebrant, going to the Gospel side, reads the Gospel.*

### *The Gospel*

**D**OMINUS vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. *Sequentia sancti Evangelii secundum Lucam* (ii) 21.

R. Gloria tibi, Domine.

**T**HE Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. The continuation of the Gospel according to *St. Luke* (ii) 21.

R. Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*Here is read the Gospel*

GOSPEL. *Luke ii. 21*

**A**T that time: — After eight days were past, that the Child should be circumcised; His Name was called Jesus, so called by the Angel before He was conceived in the womb.

R. Laus tibi, Christel

R. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*The priest kisses the Gospel, saying:*

Per evangelica dicta deleantur nostra delicta.

By the words of the Gospel may our sins be blotted out.

*In Solemn Mass the celebrant is incensed by the deacon after the Gospel. Here also the sermon is usually preached.*

### **5. The Nicene Creed**

This Creed, or profession of faith, was formulated by the Councils of Nicæa and Constantinople in the fourth century. The priest recites it at the middle of the altar. At the *INCARNATUS EST* both priest and people genuflect in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God.

**C**REDO in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, Factorem cæli et terræ, visibilium omnium et invisibilium.

Et in unum Dominum Jesum Chris-

**I** BELIEVE in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the

tum, Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. Deum de Deo; Lumen de Lumine; Deum verum de Deo vero; genitum, non factum; consubstantialem Patri, per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem, descendit de caelis [*Here all kneel.*] et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto, ex Maria Virgine: ET HOMO FACTUS EST. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Pontio Pilato passus et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas; et ascendit in caelum, sedet ad

only-begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God of God; Light of Light; very God of very God; begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, [*Here all kneel.*] and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary; AND WAS MADE MAN. He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. The third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the

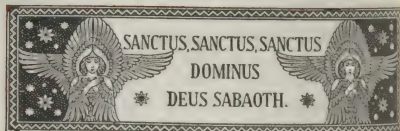
dexteram Patris: et iterum venturus est cum gloria judicare vivos et mortuos: cujus regni non erit finis.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem, qui ex Patre Filoque procedit: qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur; qui locutus est per prophetas. Et unam sanctam catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptismum in remissionem peccatorum. Et expecto resurrectionem mortuorum, et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

right hand of the Father: and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead: of Whose kingdom there shall be no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son: Who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets. And one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.





## The Second Part of the Mass, of the Mass of the Faithful

This is the essential part of the Mass, containing the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Banquet. It is called "The Mass of the Faithful" because in the early centuries none but the baptized were allowed to assist at it.

### 1. The Offertory

The Offertory is the first act of the Sacrifice, in which the priest offers to God the bread and wine which are later to be consecrated into the Body and Blood of Christ.

*Turning to the people, the priest salutes them:*

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

## The Offertory Prayer

*Psalm LXXXV. 12, 5*

I WILL praise Thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Thy Name forever: for Thou, O Lord, art sweet and mild: and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Thee, alleluia.

*At the offering of the bread*

**S**USCIPE, sancte Pater, omnipotens, æterne Deus, hanc immaculatam hostiam, quam ego indignus famulus tuus offero tibi Deo meo vivo et vero, pro innumerabilibus peccatis, et offensionibus, et negligentis meis, et pro omnibus circumstantibus; sed et pro omnibus fidelibus christianis, vivis atque defunctis;

**A**CCEPT, O holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, this stainless Host, which I, Thine unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my God, living and true, for mine innumerable sins, offenses, and negligences, and for all here present; as also for all faithful Christians, both living and dead, that it may be

ut mihi et illis proficiat ad salutem in vitam æternam.

Amen.

*At taking wine and water*

**D**EUS, qui humanæ substantiæ dignitatem mirabiliter condidisti, et mirabilius reformasti: da nobis per hujus aquæ et vini mysterium, ejus divinitatis esse consortes, qui humanitatis nostræ fieri dignatus est particeps, Jesus Christus, Filius tuus, Dominus noster; qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus, per omnia sæcula sæculorum.

Amen.

profitable for my own and for their salvation unto life eternal. Amen.

**O** GOD, Who hast wonderfully framed man's exalted nature, and still more wonderfully restored it: grant us, by the mystic signification of this commingling of water and wine, to become partakers of His Godhead Who vouchsafed to become partaker of our manhood, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

*At the offering of the wine*

**O**FFERIMUS tibi, Domine, calicem salutaris tuam deprecantes clementiam, ut in conspectu divinæ Majestatis tuæ, pro nostra et totius mundi salute cum odore suavitatis ascendat.

Amen.

**W**E offer unto Thee, O Lord, the chalice of salvation, beseeching Thy clemency that, in the sight of Thy divine Majesty, it may ascend with the odor of sweetness, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world.

Amen.

*Invocations*

**I**N spiritu humilitatis, et in animo contrito, suscipiamur a te, Domine, etsi fiat sacrificium nostrum in conspectu tuo hodie, ut placeat tibi, Domine Deus.

**I**N a humble spirit and a contrite heart may we be received by Thee, O Lord; and let our Sacrifice be so made in Thy sight this day that it may please Thee, O Lord God.

**V**ENI, sanctifica-  
tor, omnipotens,  
æterne Deus, et  
benedic hoc sacrifi-  
cium, tuo sancto no-  
mini præparatum.

**C**OME, O Sancti-  
fier, Almighty,  
Eternal God, and  
bless this Sacrifice  
set forth to Thy  
holy name.

*Blessing of the incense at Solemn Mass*

**P**ER interces-  
sionem beati  
Michaelis Arch-  
angeli, stantis a  
dextris altaris in-  
censi, et omnium  
electorum suorum,  
incensum istud dig-  
netur Dominus  
benedicere, et in  
odorem suavitatis  
accipere. Per  
Christum Domi-  
num nostrum.  
Amen.

**B**Y the interces-  
sion of blessed  
Michael the Arch-  
angel, standing at  
the right hand of  
the Altar of Incense,  
and of all His elect,  
may the Lord  
vouchsafe to bless  
this incense, and  
receive it as an odor  
of sweetness.  
Through Christ our  
Lord.  
Amen.

*Incensing of the offerings and altar*

**I**NCENSUM **M**AY this incense  
istud a te bene-  
dictum ascendat ad  
te, Domine, et de-  
scendat super nos  
misericordia tua. | MAY this incense  
which Thou hast  
blessed, O Lord,  
ascend to Thee, and  
may Thy mercy de-  
scend upon us.

*Then the priest incenses the altar,  
saying:*

**D**IRIGATUR,  
Domine, oratio  
mea sicut incensum  
in conspectu tuo:  
elevatio manuum  
meorum sacrificium  
vespertinum.

Pone, Domine,  
custodiam ori meo,  
et ostium circum-  
stantiæ labiis meis.

Ut non declinet  
cor meum in verba  
malitiæ, ad excu-  
sandas excusationes  
in peccatis.

**M**ET my prayer,  
O Lord, be  
directed as incense  
in Thy sight: and  
the lifting up of my  
hands as the eve-  
ning sacrifice.

Set a watch, O  
Lord, before my  
mouth, and a door  
round about my  
lips.

That my heart  
may not incline to  
evil words, to make  
excuses in sins.

*Giving the censer to the deacon, the priest says:*

**A**CCENDAT in nobis Dominus ignem sui amoris, et flammam æternæ caritatis. Amen.

**M**AY the Lord enkindle in us the fire of His love, and the flame of everlasting charity. Amen.

*Here at Solemn Mass the Celebrant is incensed by the deacon, who next incenses the clergy present in choir and the other ministers at the altar.*

*At the washing of the fingers*

*Psalms XXV*

**L**AVABO inter innocentes manus meas: et circumdabo altare tuum, Domine.

Ut audiam vocem laudis: et enarrem universa mirabilia tua.

**I** WILL wash my hands among the innocent: and I will compass Thine altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of praise, and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

Domine, dilexi, decorem domus tuæ, et locum habitationis gloriæ tuæ.

Ne perdas cum impiis, Deus, animam meam; et cum viris sanguinum vitam meam.

In quorum manibus iniquitates sunt: dextera eorum repleta est numeribus.

Ego autem in innocentia mea ingressus sum: redime me et miserere mei.

Pes meus stetit in directo: in ecclesiis benedicam te, Domine.

O Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house, and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.

Take not away my soul, O God, with the wicked, nor my life with men of blood.

In whose hands are iniquities: their right hand is filled with gifts.

But as for me, I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

My foot hath stood in the right way: in the churches I will bless Thee, O Lord.



Gloria Patri, et  
Filio, et Spiritui  
Sancto.

Sicut erat in prin-  
cipio, et nunc, et  
semper, et in sæcula  
sæculorum.

Amen.

Glory be to the  
Father, and to the  
Son, and to the Holy  
Ghost.

As it was in the  
beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen.

### Oblation

*Before the middle of the altar the priest  
says:*

**S**USCIPE, sancta  
Trinitas, hanc  
oblationem quam  
tibi offerimus ob  
memoriam pas-  
sionis, resurrecti-  
onis, et ascensionis  
Jesu Christi, Do-  
mini nostri: et in  
honorem beatæ  
Mariæ semper Vir-  
ginis, et beati Joan-  
nis Baptistæ, et

**R**ECEIVE, O  
Holy Trinity,  
this oblation, which  
we offer unto Thee,  
in memory of the  
passion, resurrec-  
tion, and ascension  
of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, and in honor  
of blessed Mary ever-  
Virgin, of blessed  
John the Baptist, of  
the holy apostles

sanctorum Aposto-  
lorum Petri et Pauli,  
et istorum et om-  
nium Sanctorum:  
ut illis proficiat ad  
honorem, nobis au-  
tem ad salutem: et  
illi pro nobis inter-  
cedere dignentur in  
cælis, quorum  
memoriam agimus  
in terris. Per eum-  
dem Christum Do-  
minum nostrum.

Amen.

Peter and Paul, of  
these and of all Thy  
saints: that it may  
be to their honor  
and to our salva-  
tion: and may they  
vouchsafe to inter-  
cede for us in  
heaven, whose  
memory we cele-  
brate on earth.  
Through the same  
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Invitation to prayer

*The priest kisses the altar, and turning  
toward the people, says:*

**O**RATE, fratres,  
ut meum ac ves-  
trum sacrificium ac-  
ceptabile fiat apud  
Deum Patrem omni-  
potentem.

**P**RAY, my breth-  
ren, that my  
sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable  
to God the Father  
almighty.

*The ministers answer:*

**S**USCIPIAT Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis, ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.

**M**AY the Lord receive the Sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit, and to that of all His holy Church.

*The priest replies in a low voice, Amen, and proceeds to say:*

*The Secret Prayer*

**M**AY Thy blessing, most merciful God by which every creature liveth, sanctify, we beseech Thee, this our sacrifice, which we offer unto Thee to the glory of the Name of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: that it may please Thy majesty as an act of praise, and profit us unto salvation. Through the same Lord, etc.

## 2. The Preface

The Preface is an introduction to the Canon, or most solemn part of the Mass. It varies according to seasons. The one that follows is that of the Nativity, which is said on the Feast of the Holy Name.

**Q**UER omnia sæcula sæculorum.

*R. Amen.*

*V. Dominus vobiscum.*

*R. Et cum spiritu tuo.*

*V. Sursum corda.*

*R. Habemus ad Dominum.*

*V. Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.*

*R. Dignum et iustum est.*

**W**ORLD WITHOUT end.

*R. Amen.*

*V. The Lord be with you.*

*R. And with thy spirit.*

*V. Lift up your hearts.*

*R. We lift them up unto the Lord.*

*V. Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*

*R. It is worthy and just.*

VERE dignum et  
justum est, æqu-  
um et salutare, nos  
tibi semper et ubi-  
que gratias agere,  
Domine sancte,  
Pater omnipotens,  
æterne Deus. Quia  
per incarnati Verbi  
mysterium, nova  
mentis nostri oculis  
lux tuæ claritatis  
infulsit: ut dum vi-  
sibiliter Deum cog-  
noscimus, per hunc  
in invisibilium amo-  
rem rapiamur.

Et ideo cum An-  
gelis et Archangelis,  
cum Thronis et Do-

IT is truly worthy  
and just, right  
and profitable unto  
salvation, that we  
should at all times  
and in all places give  
thanks unto Thee,  
O holy Lord, Father  
almighty, eternal  
God. For by the  
mystery of the  
Word made flesh  
the light of Thy  
glory hath shone  
anew upon the eyes  
of our mind: so  
that while we ac-  
knowledge Him as  
God seen by men,  
we may be drawn  
by Him to the Love  
of things unseen.

And therefore  
with the Angels and  
Archangels, the

minationibus cum-  
que omni militia  
cælestis exercitus  
hymnum gloriæ tuæ  
canimus sine fine  
dicentes:

Thrones and Do-  
minions, and the  
whole host of the  
heavenly army we  
sing the hymn of  
Thy glory, saying  
again and again:

*Here the bell is rung thrice to give notice  
of the beginning of the Canon.*

SANCTUS, sanc-  
tus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sa-  
baoth. Plani sunt  
cæli et terra gloria  
tua. Hosanna in  
excelsis. Benedic-  
tus qui venit in no-  
mine Domini. Ho-  
sanna in excelsis.

HOLY, HOLY,  
Holy, Lord God  
of hosts. Heaven  
and earth are full  
of Thy glory. Ho-  
sanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who  
cometh in the name  
of the Lord. Ho-  
sanna in the high-  
est.



### 3. The Canon

This is the most sacred part of the Mass. It consists of many prayers of very great antiquity; some of its words were used by Our Lord Himself at the Last Supper; it is called "Canon," i.e., rule or standard, because it is unchangeable with but few exceptions.

*Prayer for the Whole Church*

*The priest now prays in secret:*

DE igitur, clem-  
tissime Pater,  
per Jesum Chris-  
tum Filium tuum  
Dominum nostrum,  
supplices rogamus  
ac petimus, uti ac-  
cepta habeas et be-  
nedicas hæc dona,

WE, therefore,  
humbly pray  
and beseech Thee,  
most merciful  
Father, through  
Jesus Christ Thy  
Son, our Lord, that  
Thou wouldst ac-  
cept and bless these



hæc munera, hæc sancta sacrificia illibata, in primis, quæ tibi offerimus pro Ecclesia tua sancta catholica: quam pacificare, custodire, adunare, et regere digneris toto orbe terrarum, una cum famulo tuo Papa nostra N., et Antistite nostro N., et omnibus orthodoxis, atque catholicæ et apostolicæ fidei cultoribus.

gifts, these presents, these holy unspotted sacrifices, which, in the first place, we offer Thee for Thy holy Catholic Church: which vouchsafe to pacify, guard, unite, and govern throughout the whole world together with Thy servant N. our Pope; N. our Bishop; as also all orthodox believers and professors of the Catholic and Apostolic faith.

*The Commemoration of the Living*

**M**EMENTO, Domine, famularum famularumque tuarum, N. et N.,

**R**EMEMBER, O Lord, Thy servants and handmaids, N. and N.,

*The priest pauses, and, joining his hands, prays silently for those he wishes to pray for in particular; and proceeds:*

Et omnium circumstantium, quorum tibi fides cognita est, et nota devotio: pro quibus tibi offerimus, vel qui tibi offerunt hoc sacrificium laudis, pro se, suisque omnibus, pro redemptione animarum suarum, pro spe salutis et incolumitatis suæ: tibi que reddunt vota sua, æterno Deo, vivo et vero.

And all here present whose faith and devotion are known to Thee; for whom we offer, or who offer up to Thee this Sacrifice of praise for themselves and all pertaining to them, for the redemption of their souls, for the hope of their salvation and well-being, and who pay their vows unto Thee, the eternal, living and true God.

*Prayer in honor of the Saints*

COMMUNICANTES, et memoriam venerantes, in primis gloriosæ semper Virginis Mariæ, Genitricis Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi: sed et beatorum Apostolorum ac Martyrum tuorum, Petri et Pauli, Andreae, Jacobi, Joannis, Thomæ, Jacobi, Philippi, Bartholomæi, Matthæi, Simonis et Thaddæi; Lini, Cleti, Clementis, Xysti, Cornelii, Cypriani, Laurentii Chrysogoni, Joannis et Pauli, Cosmæ et Damiani: et omnium Sanctorum tuorum; quorum meritis precibusque

IN communionem with, and honoring the memory, especially of the glorious ever Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; as also of Thy blessed apostles and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thaddeus; of Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian: and of all Thy saints; by whose merits and prayers grant that

concedas, ut in omnibus protectionis tuæ muniamur auxilio. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

we may in all things be defended by the aid of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Another Prayer of Oblation*

*Here the bell is rung once to warn the faithful of the approaching consecration of the bread and wine.*

HANC igitur oblationem servitutis nostræ, sed et cunctæ familiæ tuæ quæsumus, Domine, ut placatus accipias; diesque nostros in tua pace disponas, atque ab æterna damnatione nos eripi, et in electorum tuorum jubeas grege numerari. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

THIS oblation, therefore, of our service, and that of Thy whole family, we beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept; and to dispose our days in Thy peace, and to command us to be delivered from eternal damnation, and to be numbered in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Consecration and Elevation

The words of consecration which the priest uses are the same as those employed by Christ at the Last Supper, and effect the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Saviour.

**Q**UAM oblationem, tu Deus, in omnibus, quæsumus, benedictam, adscriptam, ratam, rationabilem, acceptabilemque facere digneris: ut nobis corpus et sanguis fiat dilectissimi Filii tui Domini nostri Jesu Christi.

**W**HICH oblation do Thou, O God, we beseech Thee, vouchsafe to make in all things blessed, approved, ratified, reasonable, and acceptable: that it may become for us the Body and Blood of Thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Q**UI pridie quam pateretur, accepit panem in sanctas ac venerabiles manus suas, et elevatis oculis in cælum, ad te Deum Patrem suum omnipotentem: tibi gratias agens, benedixit, fregit, deditque discipulis suis, dicens: Accipite, et manducate ex hoc omnes.

**W**HO, the day before He suffered, took bread into His holy and venerable hands, and with eyes lifted up toward heaven, unto Thee, O God, His almighty Father, giving thanks to Thee, did bless, break, and give unto His disciples, saying: All of you take and eat of this.

*While holding the Host with both hands, the priest pronounces over it the words of consecration:*

HOC EST ENIM  
CORPUS MEUM.

FOR THIS IS MY  
BODY.

*After genuflecting, the priest elevates the Sacred Host for the adoration of the faithful, and the bell is rung thrice.*

**S**IMILI modo  
postquam cœ-  
natum est, accipiens  
et hunc præclarum  
calicem in sanctas  
ac venerabiles ma-  
nus suas: item tibi  
gratias agens, bene-  
dixit, deditque dis-  
cipulis suis, dicens:  
Accipite, et bibite  
ex eo omnes.

*The priest then pronounces the follow-  
ing words of consecration over the  
Chalice:*

HIC EST ENIM  
CALIX SANGUINIS  
MEI NOVI ET ÆTER-  
NI TESTAMENTI:  
MYSTERIUM FIDEI;  
QUI PRO VOBIS ET  
PRO MULTIS EFFUN-  
DETUR IN REMISSI-  
ONEM PECCATORUM.

**I**N like manner,  
after supper,  
taking also this ex-  
cellent chalice into  
His holy and vener-  
able hands: and giv-  
ing thanks to Thee,  
He blessed, and  
gave to His dis-  
ciples, saying:  
All of you take and  
drink of this.

FOR THIS IS THE  
CHALICE OF MY  
BLOOD OF THE NEW  
AND ETERNAL TES-  
TAMENT: THE MYST-  
ERY OF FAITH;  
WHICH SHALL BE  
SHED FOR YOU, AND  
FOR MANY, FOR THE  
REMISSION OF SINS.

*He then replaces the Chalice on the cor-  
poral, and says:*

Hæc quotiescum-  
que feceritis, in mei  
memoriam facietis.

As often as ye do  
these things, ye  
shall do them in re-  
membrance of Me.

*Making a genuflection, he adores; then,  
rising, he elevates the Chalice, and, re-  
placing it upon the corporal, makes  
another genuflection. At the elevation  
of the Chalice the bell is rung thrice.*

*Commemoration of the Chief Mysteries  
of the Life of Our Lord*

**U**NDE et me-  
mores, Domine,  
nos servi tui, sed  
et plebs tua sancta,  
ejusdem Christi  
Filii tui Domini  
nostri tam beatæ  
passionis, necnon et  
ab inferis resurrec-  
tionis, sed et in cælos  
gloriosæ ascen-  
sionis: offerimus  
præclaræ majestati

**W**HEREFORE, O  
Lord, we Thy  
servants, and like-  
wise Thy holy  
people, calling to  
mind the blessed  
passion of the same  
Christ Thy Son, our  
Lord, together with  
His Resurrection  
from the grave, and  
also His glorious as-  
cension into heaven,



tuae, de tuis donis  
ac datis, hostiam  
puram, hostiam  
sanctam, hostiam  
immaculatam,  
panem sanctum  
vitæ æternæ, et  
calicem salutis per-  
petuæ.

offer unto Thy ex-  
cellent majesty, of  
Thy gifts and pres-  
ents, a pure victim,  
a holy victim, an  
immaculate victim,  
the holy bread of  
eternal life, and the  
chalice of everlast-  
ing salvation.

*Prayers for the Benefits of the Sacrifice  
and Communion*

**S**UPRA quæ pro-  
pitio ac sereno  
vultu respicere dig-  
neris, et accepta  
habere, sicuti ac-  
cepta habere digna-  
tus es munera pueri  
tui justi Abel, et  
sacrificium Pa-  
triarchæ nostri  
Abrahæ; et quod  
tibi obtulit summus  
sacerdos tuus Mel-

**U**PON which do  
Thou vouchsafe  
to look with favor-  
able and gracious  
countenance, and  
accept them, as  
Thou didst vouch-  
safe to accept the  
gifts of Thy just  
servant Abel, and  
the sacrifice of our  
patriarch Abraham,  
and that which Thy

chisedech, sanctum  
sacrificium, imma-  
culatam hostiam.

high-priest Melchi-  
sedeck offered unto  
Thee, a holy sacri-  
fice, an unspotted  
victim.

*Bowing over the altar the priest prays:*

**S**UPPLICES te  
rogamus, omni-  
potens Deus, jube  
hæc perferri per  
manus sancti angeli  
tui in sublime altare  
tuum, in conspectu  
divinæ majestatis  
tuæ, ut quotquot ex  
hac altaris partici-  
patione, sacrosanc-  
tum Filii tui Cor-  
pus et Sanguinem  
sumpserimus, omni  
benedictione cæle-  
sti et gratia repleamur. Per eundem  
Christum Domi-  
num nostrum.

Amen.

**W**E humbly be-  
seech Thee,  
almighty God, com-  
mand these to be  
carried by the hands  
of Thy holy angel  
to Thine altar on  
high, in the presence  
of Thy divine ma-  
jesty, that as many  
of us as shall, by  
partaking at this  
altar, receive the  
most sacred Body  
and Blood of Thy  
Son, may be filled  
with all heavenly  
blessing and grace.  
Through the same  
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Commemoration of the Dead*

**M**EMENTO etiam, Domine, famulorum famularumque tuarum N. et N., qui nos præcesserunt cum signo fidei, et dormiunt in somno pacis.

**R**EMEMBER, O Lord, Thy servants and handmaids, N. and N., who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace.

*The priest then prays for the dead:*

**I**PSIS, Domine, et omnibus in Christo quiescentibus, locum refrigerii, lucis et pacis, ut indulgeas, deprecamur. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

**T**O these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, grant, we pray Thee, a place of refreshment, of light, and of peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayer for those Assisting at the Holy Sacrifice*

**Q**UOBIS quoque peccatoribus famulis tuis, de multitudine miserationum tuarum sperantibus partem aliquam et societatem donare digneris, cum tuis sanctis Apostolis et Martyribus; cum Joanne, Stephano, Matthia, Barnaba, Ignatio, Alexandro, Marcelino, Petro, Felicitate, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucia, Agnete, Cæcilia, Anastasia, et omnibus Sanctis tuis: intra quorum nos consortium, non aestimator meriti,

**T**O us also, Thy sinful servants, who hope in the multitude of Thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with Thy holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia, and all Thy Saints: into whose company, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, we beseech Thee

sed veniæ, quæsumus, largitor admitte. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

to admit us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**PER** quem hæc omnia, Domine, semper bona creas, sanctificas, vivificas, benedicis, et præstas nobis.

**BY** whom, O Lord, Thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless, and bestow upon us all these good things.

*Concluding Doxology, or Prayer of Praise, of the Canon*

**PER** ipsum, et cum ipso, et in ipso, est tibi Deo Patri omnipotenti, in unitate Spiritus Sancti, omnis honor et gloria.

**THROUGH** Him, and with Him, and in Him, is unto Thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory.

**4. The Pater Noster and the Breaking of the Host**

The *Our Father* is the most perfect of all prayers and was taught by Our Lord Himself to His disciples. For this reason it has been added to the Canon, and has been placed here as a fitting preparation for Communion. It is preceded by a brief introduction, and followed by a short conclusion.

The breaking of the Host symbolizes the Passion of Christ. In the days of the apostles the Eucharistic celebration was called "The Breaking of Bread," in memory of the action of Our Lord at the Last Supper.

V. Per omnia  
sæcula sæculorum.  
R. Amen.

V. World with-  
out end.  
R. Amen

*Oremus*

**PRÆCEPTIS**  
salutaribus  
moniti, et divina in-  
stitutione formati,  
audemus dicere:

*Let us Pray*

**ADMONISHED**  
by Thy saving  
precepts, and fol-  
lowing Thy divine  
institution, we  
make bold to say:

**P**ATER NOS-  
TER, qui es in  
cælis, sanctificetur  
nomen tuum: ad-  
veniat regnum  
tuum: fiat voluntas  
tua sicut in cælo, et  
in terra. Panem  
nostrum quotidia-  
num da nobis hodie:  
et dimitte nobis de-  
bita nostra, sicut  
et nos dimittimus  
debitoribus nostris.  
Et ne nos inducas  
in tentationem.

R. Sed libera  
nos a malo.

**O**UR FATHER,  
Who art in  
heaven, hallowed  
be Thy Name: Thy  
kingdom come: Thy  
will be done on  
earth as it is in  
heaven. Give us  
this day our daily  
bread: and forgive  
us our trespasses,  
as we forgive  
those who trespass  
against us. And  
lead us not into  
temptation.

R. But deliver  
us from evil.

*The priest says inaudibly:*

Amen.

Amen.

*At Solemn Mass, the deacon here goes  
to the right of the priest and receives  
the paten from the subdeacon and in turn  
delivers it to the priest.*

**L**IBERA nos,  
quæsumus, Do-  
mine, ab omnibus  
malis, præteritis,  
præsentibus, et  
futuris: et inter-  
cedente beata et  
gloriosa semper Vir-  
gine Dei Genitrice  
Maria, cum beatis  
Apostolis tuis Petro  
et Paulo, atque An-  
drea, et omnibus  
Sanctis, da propi-  
tius pacem in diebus  
nostris: ut ope  
misericordiæ tuæ  
adjuti, et a peccato  
simus semper liberi,  
et ab omni pertur-  
batione securi.

**D**ELIVER us, we  
beseech Thee, O  
Lord, from all evils,  
past, present, and  
to come: and by  
the intercession of  
blessed and glorious  
Mary ever Virgin,  
Mother of God, to-  
gether with Thy  
blessed Apostles  
Peter and Paul, and  
Andrew, and all the  
Saints, graciously  
give peace in our  
days: that, aided  
by the help of Thy  
mercy, we may be  
always free from  
sin, and secure from  
all disturbance.

*The priest breaks the sacred Host, saying:*

Per eundem Do-  
minum nostrum  
Jesum Christum  
Filium tuum, qui  
tecum vivit et reg-

Through the  
same our Lord Je-  
sus Christ, Thy Son,  
Who liveth and  
reigneth with Thee



nat in unitate Spiritus Sancti Deus.

V. Per omnia  
sæcula sæculorum.

R. Amen.

in the unity of the  
Holy Ghost, God.

V. World without  
end.

R. Amen.

### 5. The Communion

The priest now prays for peace and forgiveness of sins as a proximate preparation for receiving the sacred Body and Blood of Christ. Immediately after Communion he recites various prayers of thanksgiving and petition.

V. Pax Domini  
sit semper vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. May the  
peace of the Lord  
be always with you.

R. And with thy  
spirit.

*The priest drops a particle of the sacred Host in the Chalice, saying:*

**H**ÆC commixtio  
et consecratio  
corporis et sanguinis  
Domini nostri  
Jesu Christi fiat  
accipientibus nobis  
in vitam æternam.  
Amen.

**M**AY this mingling  
and consecration  
of the Body and  
Blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ be  
unto us that receive  
it effectual unto life  
everlasting. Amen.

*Bowing, and striking his breast, the priest says:*

**A**GNUS Dei, qui  
tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere  
nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui  
tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere  
nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui  
tollis peccata  
mundi dona nobis  
pacem.

**L**AMB of God,  
Who takest  
away the sins of the  
world, have mercy  
on us.

Lamb of God,  
Who takest away the  
sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
Who takest away the  
sins of the world,  
grant us Thy peace.

*Leaning toward the altar, he says the following prayers:*

**D**OMINE Jesu  
Christe, qui  
dixisti Apostolis  
tuis, Pacem relin-  
quo vobis, pacem  
meam do vobis: ne  
respicias peccata  
mea, sed fidem Ec-

**O** LORD Jesus  
Christ, Who  
saidst to Thine  
Apostles, Peace I  
leave you, My peace  
I give you: look not  
upon my sins, but  
upon the faith of

clesiae tuae; eam-  
que secundum  
voluntatem tuam  
pacificare et coadu-  
nare digneris. Qui  
vivis et regnas Deus  
in saecula saecu-  
lorum.

Amen.

**D**OMINE Jesu  
Christe, Fili Dei  
vivi, qui ex vo-  
luntate Patris,  
cooperante Spiritu  
Sancto, per mortem  
tuam mundum vi-  
vificasti: libera me  
per hoc sacrosanc-  
tum corpus et san-  
guinem tuum ab  
omnibus iniquitati-  
bus meis, et univer-  
sis malis: et fac me  
tuis semper inhæ-  
rere mandatis, et a  
te numquam sepa-  
rari permittas: qui

Thy Church; and  
vouchsafe to her  
that peace and unity  
which are agreeable  
to Thy will. Who  
livest and reignest  
God world without  
end.

Amen.

**L**ORD Jesus  
Christ, Son of  
the living God, Who,  
according to the will  
of the Father,  
through the co-  
operation of the  
Holy Ghost, hast  
by Thy death given  
life to the world:  
Thy most sacred  
Body and Blood,  
from all my iniqui-  
ties and from all  
evils; and make me  
ever cling to Thy  
commandments,

cum eodem Deo  
Patre et Spiritu  
Sancto vivis et reg-  
nas Deus in saecula  
saeculorum.

Amen.

and never suffer me  
to be separated from  
Thee; Who with the  
same God the  
Father, and the  
Holy Ghost, livest,  
and reignest, etc.  
Amen.

**P**ERCEPTIO cor-  
poris tui, Do-  
mine Jesu Christe,  
quod ego indignus  
sumere præsumo,  
non mihi proveniat  
in judicium et con-  
demnationem; sed  
pro tua pietate pro-  
sit mihi ad tutamen-  
tum mentis et  
corporis, et ad  
medelam percipien-  
dam. Qui vivis et  
regnas cum Deo  
Patre, in unitate  
Spiritus Sancti Deus  
per omnia saecula  
saeculorum.

Amen.

**M**ET not the par-  
taking of Thy  
Body, O Lord Jesus  
Christ, which I,  
though unworthy,  
presume to receive,  
turn to my judg-  
ment and condem-  
nation; but by Thy  
mercy be it profit-  
able to the safety  
and health both of  
soul and body. Who  
with God the  
Father, in the unity  
of the Holy Ghost,  
livest and reignest  
God world without  
end.

Amen.

*The priest takes the sacred Host in his hands:*

**P**ANEM cælestem  
accipiam, et no-  
men Domini invo-  
cabo.

**I** WILL take the  
Bread of heaven,  
and will call upon  
the Name of the  
Lord.

*Here the bell is rung thrice to call attention to the approaching Communion, while the priest striking his breast repeats the following three times:*

**D**OMINE, non  
sum dignus ut  
intres sub tectum  
meum; sed tantum  
dic verbo, et sana-  
bitur anima mea.

**L**ORD, I am not  
worthy that  
Thou shouldst enter  
under my roof; but  
only say the word,  
and my soul shall  
be healed.

*At the Priest's Communion*

*The priest receives the sacred Host, saying:*

**C**ORPUS Domini  
nostri Jesu  
Christi custodiat  
animam meam in  
vitam æternam.

Amen.

Quid retribuam  
Domino pro omni-  
bus quæ retribuit  
mihi? Calicem sa-  
lutaris accipiam, et  
nomen Domini in-  
vocabo. Laudans  
invocabo Domi-  
num, et ab inimicis  
meis salvus ero.

**M**AY the Body of  
our Lord Jesus  
Christ preserve my  
soul to life everlast-  
ing.

Amen.

What return shall  
I make the Lord for  
all He has given to  
me? I will take the  
chalice of salvation  
and call upon the  
Name of the Lord,  
and shall be saved  
from my enemies.

*The priest receives the Precious Blood:*

**S**ANGUIS Dom-  
ini nostri Jesu  
Christi custodiat  
animam meam in  
vitam æternam.

Amen.

**M**AY the Blood of  
our Lord Jesus  
Christ preserve my  
soul to life everlast-  
ing.

Amen.

*At the Communion of the Faithful:*

*The server or, at Solemn Mass, the Ministers now say the Confiteor on behalf of the faithful who are to receive Holy Communion.*

*After taking from the tabernacle of the altar the ciborium, or vessel containing the Blessed Sacrament; and placing it upon the corporal, the priest makes a genuflection, and, turning to the communicants, pronounces the Absolution.*

**MISEREATUR** vestri omnipotens Deus, et dimissis peccatis vestris, perducatur vos ad vitam æternam.

R. Amen.

**INDULGENTIAM,** ✠ absolutionem, et remissionem peccatorum vestrorum tribuat vobis omnipotens et misericors Dominus.

R. Amen.

**MAY** Almighty God have mercy upon you, and forgive you your sins, and bring you unto life everlasting.

R. Amen.

**MAY** the Almighty and Merciful Lord grant you pardon, ✠ absolution, and remission of your sins.

R. Amen.

*The priest elevates a particle of the Blessed Sacrament, and turning toward the people, says:*

**ECCE** Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccata mundi.

**BEHOLD** the Lamb of God, behold Him Who taketh away the sins of the world.

*Then he says three times:*

**DOMINE,** non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum; sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea.

**WORD,** I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

*Descending the steps of the altar, the priest administers the Holy Communion, saying:*

**CORPUS** Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam æternam.  
Amen.

**THE** Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul unto life everlasting.  
Amen.



*The priest, returning to the altar, replaces the ciborium in the tabernacle. Then the server pours a little wine into the chalice, and the priest takes the first ablution, saying:*

**Q**UOD ore sumpsi-  
mus, Domine,  
pura mente capiamus;  
et de munere temporali  
fiat nobis remedium sem-  
piternum.

*Here the server pours wine and water over the priest's fingers, and the priest, returning to the middle of the altar, wipes his fingers and takes the second ablution, saying:*

**C**ORPUS tuum,  
Domine, quod  
sumpsi, et Sanguis  
quem potavi, adhæreat  
visceribus meis: et præsta, ut  
in me non remaneat  
scelerum macula,

**W**HAT we have  
taken with our  
mouth, O Lord, may  
we receive with a  
pure heart; and of  
a temporal gift may  
it become to us an  
everlasting healing.

**M**AY Thy Body,  
O Lord, which I  
have received, and  
Thy Blood which  
I have drunk, cleave  
unto my inmost  
parts; and grant  
that no stain of sin

quem pura et sancta  
refecerunt sacramenta.  
Qui vivis et regnas in  
sæcula sæculorum.

may remain in me  
who have been re-  
freshed with pure  
and holy mysteries.  
Who livest and  
reignest forever and  
ever.

Amen.

Amen.

*Going to the book, the priest reads the Communion Antiphon.*

*Psalm lxxxv. 9, 10.* All the nations  
Thou hast made shall come and adore  
before Thee, O Lord; and they shall  
glorify Thy Name, for Thou art great  
and dost wonderful things. Thou art  
God alone. Alleluia.

*From the center of the altar the priest, turning to the people, says:*

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

*Returning to the missal, the priest reads the Post-communion Prayers.*

**O** ALMIGHTY and eternal God, Who hast created and redeemed us, graciously regard our prayers, and vouchsafe to accept with a benign and favorable countenance the sacrifice of the saving victim which we have offered to Thy Majesty, in honor of the Name of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: that, through the infusion of Thy grace into us, we may rejoice to see our names written in heaven under the glorious Name of Jesus, as a pledge of eternal predestination. Through the same Christ our Lord, etc.

### 6. Conclusion of the Mass

The Communion being over, the priest announces the conclusion of the Mass, and utters a last prayer that the action he has performed may be acceptable in God's sight and profitable to those for whom it has been offered.

#### *The Dismissal*

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

V. Ite, missa est.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Go, the Mass is ended.

*Or, when the Gloria in Excelsis has been omitted, he turns to the altar and says:*

V. Benedicamus Domino.

R. Deo gratias.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

#### *Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity*

**P**LACEAT tibi, sancta Trinitas, obsequium servitutis meæ; et præsta, ut sacrificium quod oculis tuæ majestatis indignus obtuli, tibi sit acceptabile, mihi que, et omnibus pro quibus illud obtuli, sit, te miserante, propitiabile. Per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Amen.

**M**AY the performance of my homage be pleasing to Thee, O Holy Trinity; and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of Thy majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee and may, through Thy mercy, be a propitiation for myself, and all those for whom I have offered it. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The priest turns toward the people at the word Deus, making the sign of the cross over them.*

**B**ENEDICAT vos  
omnipotens  
Deus, Pater, et  
Filius, et Spiritus  
Sanctus.

R. Amen.

*Going to the left corner, the priest reads the Last Gospel.*

V. Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

✠ Initium sancti  
Evangelii secundum  
Joannem.

R. Gloria tibi,  
Domine.

**M**AY almighty  
God bless you;  
the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Ghost.

R. Amen.

V. The Lord be  
with you.

R. And with thy  
spirit.

✠ The beginning  
of the holy Gospel  
according to John.

R. Glory be to  
Thee, O Lord.

**I**N principio erat  
Verbum, et Verbum  
erat apud  
Deum; et Deus erat  
Verbum. Hoc erat  
in principio apud  
Deum. Omnia per  
ipsum facta sunt,  
et sine ipso factum  
est nihil quod factum  
est: in ipso  
vita erat, et vita  
erat lux hominum;  
et lux in tenebris  
lucet, et tenebræ  
eam non comprehenderunt.

Fuit homo missus  
a Deo, cui nomen  
erat Joannes. Hic  
venit in testimonium,  
ut testimonium  
perhiberet de lumine,  
ut omnes cre-

**I**N the beginning  
was the Word,  
and the Word was  
with God, and the  
Word was God.  
The same was in the  
beginning with God.  
All things were made  
by Him, and without  
Him was made  
nothing that was  
made: in Him was  
life, and the life was  
the light of men:  
and the light shineth  
in darkness, and the  
darkness did not  
comprehend it.

There was a man  
sent from God,  
whose name was  
John. This man  
came for a witness,  
to testify concerning  
the light, that

derent per illum. Non erat ille lux; sed ut testimonium perhiberet de lumine. Erat lux vera quæ illuminat omnem hominem venientem in hunc mundum.

In mundo erat, et mundus per ipsum factus est, et mundus eum non cognovit. In propria venit, et sui eum non receperunt. Quotquot autem receperunt eum, dedit eis potestatem filios Dei fieri, his, qui credunt in nomine ejus, qui non ex sanguinibus, neque ex

all might believe through him. He was not the light, but he was to testify concerning the light. This was the true Light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into this world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him to them He gave power to be made the sons of God, to those who believe in His name,

voluntate carnis, neque ex voluntate viri, sed ex Deo nati sunt (*He genuflects, saying:*) ET VERBUM CARO FACTUM EST et habitavit in nobis; et vidimus gloriam ejus, gloriam quasi Unigeniti a Patre, plenum gratiæ et veritatis.

R. Deo gratias.

who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*He genuflects, saying:*) AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, the glory as it were of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

R. Thanks be to God.

*When a feast falls on a Sunday, or other day which has a proper Gospel of its own, the Gospel of the day is read instead of the Gospel of St. John.*



**Prayers ordered by Pope Leo XIII**

*To be said kneeling after the celebration of Low Mass.*

*The priest with the people recites the Hail Mary thrice: then the following prayers:*

*Salve Regina*

**HAIL!** holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Let us Pray*

**O** GOD, our refuge and our strength, look down with favor upon Thy people, who cry to Thee; and through the intercession of the glorious and immaculate

Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of her Spouse, Blessed Joseph, of Thy holy apostles, Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, mercifully and graciously hear the prayers, which we pour forth to Thee, for the conversion of sinners and the liberty and exaltation of Holy Mother Church, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ST. MICHAEL** the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. We humbly beseech Thee, O God, to command him; and do Thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who roam through the world seeking the destruction of souls. Amen.

*(Ind. of 300 days. — LEO XIII. Sept. 25, 1888.)*

*(Ind. of 7 years, 7 quarantines. — PIUS X. June 7, 1904.)*

*Then is said three times the ejaculation:*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

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## Prayers at Mass

JESUS will now offer His Great Sacrifice, He wants me to join with Him in His offering. If my prayers are with His, they will please God more and be much stronger than if I prayed by myself.

## Prayer before Mass

MY Jesus, I offer my prayers with Yours. Then God will like them more and give me all the things He sees necessary for me to have. I will offer this Mass:

- (1) for God's honor and glory,  
that everyone may know  
Him and love Him;
- (2) to thank Him for all He has  
done for us;
- (3) to ask forgiveness for all my  
sins;
- (4) to receive the graces and  
blessings I need for my-  
self and others.

*(Say what you want our Lord to give  
you through this Mass.)*

## THE BEGINNING OF MASS

*Make the sign of the Cross with  
the priest and say:*



**I**N the Name of the Father, and  
of the Son, and of the Holy  
Ghost. Amen.

I confess to Almighty God, etc.

*When the priest goes up to the  
altar say:*

Dear Jesus who hast said "Come  
to Me, all ye who are burdened  
and oppressed, and I will refresh  
you," help me to know Thee better  
and to love Thee more.

## The Introit

*The priest goes to the right or  
Epistle side of the altar.*

**M**Y God, I am glad that by  
this Mass Thou wilt be  
praised and loved as much as Thou  
dost deserve, because Jesus will  
love and praise Thee, and He is  
God. I want to do what He does,  
and to give Thee glory with Him.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the  
Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As  
it was in the beginning, is now and  
ever shall be, world without end.

### The Kyrie Eleison

*Priest:* Lord have mercy on us.

*Server:* Lord have mercy on us.

*Priest:* Lord have mercy on us.

*Server:* Christ have mercy on us.

*Priest:* Christ have mercy on us.

*Server:* Christ have mercy on us.

*Priest:* Lord have mercy on us.

*Server:* Lord have mercy on us.

*Priest:* Lord have mercy on us.

### The Gloria in Excelsis

**G**LORY be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise Thee; we bless Thee; we adore Thee; we glorify Thee. We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ,

the only begotten Son, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; Thou who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers; Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For Thou alone art holy: Thou only art the Lord: Thou alone, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

*The priest kisses the altar, and turning to the people says:*

*Dominus vobiscum. (The Lord be with you.)*

*The server answers for us:*

*Et cum spiritu tuo. (And with Thy spirit.)*



### The Collect

*The priest collects the prayers of the people and offers them to God.*

**M**Y God, we are giving Thee the best of all gifts, Thy own beloved Son. Give us for His sake all we need. Keep us from sin. Save us from all dangers of soul and body. Let holy Mary and all the Angels and Saints pray for us that we may safely reach Heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

### The Epistle

**M**Y Jesus, I thank Thee for all Thou hast done to make me happy. For having come into this world to save me. For being a man like me. For being scourged at the pillar, and crowned with thorns, and nailed to the wood of the

Cross. For having died for me on the Cross, risen again and ascended to Heaven to prepare there a place for me.

I thank Thee for having made me a Catholic. For having hidden Thyself in the Blessed Sacrament to come to me and be the Food of my soul. Dear Lord, what can I do for Thee in exchange? I will try to do always what I know Thou dost expect of me.

*The server says:*

Deo gratias. (Thanks be to God.)

The Missal or book is carried to the left or Gospel side of the altar. All stand to hear the words of Jesus Christ Himself. We make the sign of the Cross on our forehead, to show that we believe what Jesus Christ has taught us, on our lips to show we will never speak against it, on our heart to show we love it and will do what He tells us.

## The Gospel

**O** Lord Jesus, Who hast delivered unto us the message of the Gospel, grant that I receive it into my mind, embrace it with my will, preserve it in my memory and practice it in my daily life; and being now privileged to hear Thy voice, may be also at Thy right hand on the last day, and hear Thee say, "Come, ye blessed of My Father, possess you the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

*At the end of the Gospel the server says:*

Laus tibi Christe. (Praise be to Thee, O Christ.)

## The Nicene Creed

*This is not said every day.*

**I** BELIEVE in one God, and that in this one God there are Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. I believe that to save us from sin and hell and to teach us the way to Heaven, God the Son was made Man (*kneel out of reverence for our Lord's Incarnation*) and died upon the Cross. The third day He rose again, and ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, and all that the Church teaches.

## The Offertory or Offering

### *The First Principal Part of the Mass*

On the altar stands the chalice or cup, with a little golden plate on it, called a paten. These are covered with a silk veil. The Priest takes off the veil, and holds up with both hands the paten on which lies a host — the bread which is to be changed into the Body of Our Lord. Then he pours wine and water into the chalice and offers it also to God.

**M**Y God, I believe that the host the Priest is offering to Thee will soon be changed into the Body of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that the wine in the chalice will soon be changed into His Precious Blood. I offer these to Thee with the Priest and with them I offer my body and soul and everything I have.

## The Lavabo

*This means washing. The priest washes his hands to show how pure we ought to be when we come near our Blessed Lord.*

**M**Y God, keep me from sin. When I do wrong, help me to make a good act of contrition and to say: "My God, I am sorry for having displeased Thee because Thou art so good." Then the sin will be removed. If I do this, my soul will always be pure and pleasing to Thee.

## "Orate Fratres"

*This means: "Brethren, pray." The priest turns to the people and asks them to pray with him.*

Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

*The server answers for us:*

May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hand, to the praise and glory of His Name, to our benefit and that of all His holy Church.

### The Secret Prayers

**M**Y God, I pray to Thee, for all the people who will die this day. Have mercy on them and keep them from hell. Heart of Jesus, once in agony, have mercy on the dying.

### The Preface

The most solemn part of the Mass is here. When the bell rings, we say the same words the Angels sing in Heaven:

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Blessed is He who cometh in the Name of the Lord.”

Blessed be God. Blessed be His holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the altar.

### THE CANON OF THE MASS

All is still around the altar. Many Angels have come down from Heaven, and are waiting to adore their God when He arrives. The Priest prays in a low voice. We must be attentive and pray with him.

### Prayer for the Living

**M**Y God, bless our Holy Father the Pope and all our Bishops and Priests. Bless my family, brothers, sisters, and relations, and all for whom I should pray. Have mercy on our country, on all poor sinners, on the sick and the sorrowful. My Jesus, mercy. My Jesus, mercy.



## The Consecration and Elevation

### *The Second Principal Part of the Mass*

The bell rings once to tell us the solemn moment has come. The Priest takes the bread in his hands. He says the words of Consecration, the very words of our Lord at the Last Supper: "THIS IS MY BODY," and at once the bread is changed into the Body of Jesus Christ. The Priest falls on his knees to adore our Lord really present, and then lifts up the Sacred Host for the people to see and adore It. Look up for a moment on that Sacred Host and say with faith and with love:

"My Lord and my God!"

"O Sacrament most holy,

O Sacrament divine,

All praise and all thanksgiving

Be every moment Thine!"

"Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore,  
O make us love Thee more and  
more."

The bell is rung three times. The Priest is saying over the wine our Lord's words: "THIS IS MY BLOOD." There is no wine in the chalice now; the Blood of our Lord is there instead. The bell rings again three times. The chalice is lifted up. Raise your eyes to it. Then bow down to adore the Precious Blood that is there.

"O blessed be my Saviour's Blood,  
My life, my light, my only good,  
To all eternity."

Jesus is now on the altar. He is there for us, to hear us tell Him what we want and to help us. He has said: "Ask, and you shall receive." In your own words, beg of Him the things needed both for yourself and for others.

### Prayer for the Dead

**H**AVE pity, my God, on the poor Souls in Purgatory who have to remain in agony because of the sins they committed in this world. They cannot help them-

selves, but I can help them by my prayers. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus. I offer Thee the Sacred Heart of Jesus to pay their debt. Have pity on them and receive them soon in Heaven.

*(Repeat the names of those for whom you wish to pray.)*

### The Pater Noster, "Our Father"

Say slowly and reverently our Lord's own Prayer:

**O**UR Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

### The Agnus Dei, "Lamb of God"

**T**HOU art called a lamb, dear Jesus, because of Thy gentleness. But my sins have hurt Thee, O Gentle Lamb of God! Forgive me. I am sorry. I will try never more to offend Thee.

### The Priest's Communion

#### The Third Principal Part of the Mass

*The bell rings. We say three times:*

**L**ORD, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof; say but the word and my soul shall be healed."


Those who are to receive Communion go to the rails, and the server says: *I confess, etc.*

The Priest bows down and consumes the Sacred Host. Then he receives the Precious Blood from the chalice. Mass is not heard until this has been done.

*When the Priest's Communion is finished, he turns to the communicants and says:*

May the Almighty God have mercy upon you, and forgiving your sins bring you to life everlasting.

*Server: Amen.*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon,  absolution, and forgiveness of our sins.

*Server: Amen.*

*Holding the Blessed Sacrament before the people he says:*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who taketh away the sins of the world.

"Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst enter under my roof, say but the word and my soul shall be healed."

*This prayer is said three times. Strike your breast each time.*

*The priest goes down the altar steps and gives Holy Communion to those kneeling at the rails, saying to each:*

May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul to life everlasting.

*If you are not going to Holy Communion make a Spiritual Communion at this time. A Spiritual Communion is a wish to receive our Lord.*

I believe, dear Jesus, that Thou art really present in the most holy Sacrament. I adore Thee. I love Thee. I desire to receive Thee. Come into my heart and never leave me. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

## THE CONCLUSION OF THE MASS

### The Communion and Post- Communion

*Whilst the priest is saying these  
prayers, say:*

**H**ELP me, dear Jesus, to love  
Thee with all my heart, with  
all my soul, with all my mind,  
with all my strength. O my God,  
keep me all my life from mortal  
sin.

### The Blessing

**T**HE Holy Sacrifice is done,  
Bless me, O Father, with the  
Son

And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
While never-ending ages run.

### The Last Gospel

**A** GOOD father had two sons.  
One day the younger son  
said to his father: "Father, give  
me now the share of your things I  
shall have when you are dead."  
The father said nothing, and gave  
him his share. And not many days  
after, the younger son gathering  
all together, went into a far coun-  
try, and there wasted all he had in  
riotous living.

And after he had spent all, there  
came a great famine in that coun-  
try, and he was in want. And he  
went to one of the citizens to ask  
for work. And he sent him into  
his farm to feed the pigs. The  
boy was so hungry that he would  
gladly have eaten the husks that  
were given to the pigs, for no one  
had pity on him.



Then in his trouble he began to think of his home. "How many servants in my Father's house," he said, "have more bread than they want, and I here am dying with hunger. I will arise and go to my father and say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against God and against thee, I am not now worthy to be called thy son, make me like one of thy hired servants.'"

And rising up, he came to his father. And when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him and was filled with pity, and running to him, fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him: "Father, I have sinned against God and against thee, I am not now worthy to be called thy son." And the father said to the servants: "Bring forth quickly the first robe and put it on him,

and put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet, and bring hither the fatted calf and kill it, and let us rejoice and make merry, because this my son was dead and is come to life again, he was lost and is found."

Thanks be to God, our kind Father, who will always receive us when we ask of Him forgiveness.





## Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The purpose of Benediction is to express faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, to adore His majesty, to obtain His blessing, to make reparation for outrages and insults offered to God, and to return Him thanks for His many benefits.

### *Hymns to the Blessed Sacrament*

After the Blessed Sacrament has been placed on the altar the two following hymns of veneration are sung:

#### *O Salutaris Hostia*

<p>O SALUTARIS Hostia, Quæ cæli pandis os- tium:</p>	<p>O Saving Victim! opening wide The gate of heaven to man below!</p>
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Bella premunt hostilia:	Our foes press on from every side;
Da robur, fer auxilium.	Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.
Uni trinoque Domino	To Thy great Name be endless praise,
Sit sempiterna gloria,	Immortal God-head! One in Three!
Qui vitam sine termino	O grant us endless length of days
Nobis donet in patria.	In our true native land with Thee!

*Tantum Ergo*

TANTUM ergo Sacramentum, Veneremur cernui;	DOWN in adoration falling, Lo! the Sacred Host we hail!
Et antiquum documentum	Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
Novo cedat ritui;	Newer rites of grace prevail;

Præstet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.	Faith for all defects supplying Where the feeble senses fail.
Genitori, Genitoque Laus et jubilatio;	To the everlasting Father, And the Son Who reigns on high,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque	With the Holy Ghost proceeding Forth from each eternally,
Sit et benedictio;	Besalvation, honor, blessing, Might, and endless majesty. Amen.
Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.	

*Still kneeling, the priest sings:*

V. Panem de cælo præstitisti eis.	V. Thou gavest them Bread from heaven.
R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.	R. Having in it all manner of sweetness.

*During Easter-tide, and during the octave of Corpus Christi, Alleluia is added to V. and R.*

*Rising, he sings the following prayer:*

Oremus

**D**EUS, qui nobis,  
sub sacramento  
mirabili, passionis  
tuæ memoriam re-  
liquisti: tribue,  
quæsumus, ita nos  
corporis et sangui-  
nis tui sacra mys-  
teria venerari, ut  
redemptionis tuæ  
fructum in nobis  
jugiter sentiamus.  
Qui vivis et regnas  
in sæcula sæcu-  
lorum.

R. Amen.

Let us Pray

**O** GOD, Who in  
this wonderful  
Sacrament hast left  
us a memorial of  
Thy Passion, grant  
us, we beseech Thee,  
so to reverence the  
sacred mysteries of  
Thy Body and  
Blood that we may  
ever find in our souls  
the fruit of Thy  
Redemption. Who  
livest and reignest  
forever and ever.

R. Amen.

### *At the Benediction*

Reverently looking upon the Sacred Host, say:

My Lord and My God.

*(Ind. of 7 years and 7 quarantines. — PIUS X.  
May 18, 1907.)*

### *The Divine Praises*

An Act of Reparation for profane language.

**BLESSED** be God.

Blessed be His holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and  
true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sac-  
rament of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God,  
Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and immaculate  
conception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and  
Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste  
spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His  
saints.

*(Ind. of 2 years for every public recital after  
Mass or Benediction. — LEO XIII. Feb. 2, 1897.)*



**MAY** the Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time.

(Ind. of 100 days, once a day. — PRUS IX.  
Feb. 29, 1868.)

### *Hymn of Thanksgiving*

*After the Blessed Sacrament has been replaced in the tabernacle all rise and sing:*

### *Psalm CXVI*

**LAUDATE** Dominum, omnes gentes, laudate eum, omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, etc.

**O PRAISE** the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people.

For His mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

### *Hymn of Praise*

**HOLY GOD**, we praise Thy Name!  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee!  
All on earth Thy sceptre claim,  
All in heaven above adore Thee:  
|| : Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign. : ||

Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
|| : Fill the heavens with sweet  
accord;  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! : ||

Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee,  
While in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim Thee;  
|| : And adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery. : ||



## Devotions to the Most Blessed Sacrament

### Act of Spiritual Communion

*By St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**M**Y Jesus, I believe that Thou art truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire to possess Thee within my soul. Since I am unable now to receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace Thee as being already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never, never permit me to be separated from Thee. Jesus, my sweet love, wound, inflame this heart of mine, so that it may be always and all on fire for Thee.

*(Ind. of 60 days, once a day. — LEO XIII.  
June 30, 1893.)*

### Visits to the Blessed Sacrament

*When entering the church genuflect before the tabernacle, and say:*

**D**OWN in adoration falling,  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail!

*(Ind. of 100 days, each time. — BENEDICT XV.  
Mar. 22, 1917.)*

### Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori before the Blessed Sacrament

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, Who, through the love which Thou bearest to men, dost remain with them day and night in this Sacrament, full of mercy and of love, expecting, inviting, and receiving all who come to visit Thee; I believe that Thou art present in the Sacrament of the altar. From the abyss of my nothingness I adore Thee; and I thank Thee for all the favors which Thou hast bestowed upon me, particularly for having given me Thyself in this Sacrament, for having given me for my advocate Thy most holy Mother Mary, and for having called me to visit Thee in this church.

I, this day, salute Thy most loving Heart, and I wish to salute it for three ends: first, in thanksgiving for this great gift; secondly, in reparation for all the injuries Thou hast received from thine enemies in this Sacrament; thirdly, I wish, by this visit, to adore Thee in all places in which Thou art least honored and most abandoned in the Holy Sacrament. My Jesus, I love Thee with my whole heart. I am sorry for having hitherto offended Thy infinite goodness. I purpose, with the assistance of Thy grace, nevermore to offend Thee; and, at this moment, miserable as I am, I consecrate my whole being to Thee. I give Thee my entire will, all my affections and desires, and all I have. From this day forward do what Thou wilt with me, and with whatever belongs to me. I ask and desire only Thy holy love, the gift of final perseverance, and the perfect accomplishment of Thy will. I recommend to Thee the souls in Purgatory, particularly those who were most devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and to most Holy Mary; and I also recommend to Thee all poor sinners. Finally, my dear Saviour, I unite all my affec-

tions with the affections of Thy most loving Heart; and, thus united, I offer them to Thy Eternal Father; and I entreat Him, in Thy Name, and for Thy sake, to accept them.

(*Ind. of 300 days.*—PIUS IX. *Sept. 7, 1857.*)

### Ejaculations

JESUS, my God, here present in the Sacrament of Thy love, I adore Thee.

WE adore Thee, Thou true Bread of angels.

PRAISED and adored forever be the most holy Sacrament.

O JESUS, in the most holy Sacrament, have mercy on us.

THOU art Christ, the Son of the living God.

*When genuflecting on leaving church, say:*

WE adore and praise Thee, most holy Lord Jesus Christ, because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

(*Ind. of 100 days, before the tabernacle or 300 days, at exposition.*—BEN. XV. *March 22, 1917.*)



### The Forty Hours Adoration

This devotion consists in solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the altar for forty hours, in memory of the forty hours during which the body of our Lord remained in the sepulchre.

In order to make the Forty Hours and gain the plenary indulgence attached, it is necessary to make at least one visit during the three days, and to go to confession and Holy Communion in any church on one of the three days, or on the day before.

### Prayer of Saint Thérèse

**V**EILED in the white Host, O my Well-beloved, how meek and humble of heart dost Thou show Thyself to me! Thou couldst not stoop lower to teach me humility, and I, to respond to Thy love, desire to put myself in the lowest place and share Thy humiliations, that I may have part with Thee in the kingdom of Heaven.

I beseech Thee, my Jesus, to send me some humiliations each time that I shall attempt to put myself above others.

### Hymn of St. Thomas Aquinas

**I** ADORE Thee humbly, O Thou hidden God,  
Who beneath these figures truly dost abide.  
All my light is darkness contemplating Thee.  
Lo! my heart lies prostrate to Love's mystery.

Seeing, touching, tasting, fail in proving Thee;  
But Thy word suffices given sacredly.  
Know we nothing truer ever can be heard,  
Than the words of Jesus Who is Truth's own Word.

On the cross was hidden Thy divinity,  
But these veils hide likewise Thy humanity;  
I, in both believing, offer my belief,  
Praying for Thy pardon with the dying thief.

Thy open wounds transfigured I may not behold,  
But confess with Thomas: Thou art Lord and God!



Grant my soul a burning faith; light it  
from above.

Be Thou all my treasure! Be Thou all  
my love!

O remembrance lasting of the Crucified!  
Living Bread sustaining those for whom  
He died!

Make me a consuming fire drawing life  
from Thee,

Yield my soul Thy sweetness; let it taste  
and see!

Like a loving pelican, feed me, Jesus,  
Lord;

I am all unholy; wash me in Thy Blood,  
In that life-blood flowing o'er the world  
in pain,

Though a drop had cleansed it of its  
mighty stain.

Jesus, Love, here present on the altar  
veiled,

O fulfil my longing when Thou art re-  
vealed —

To behold the vision of Thy holy face  
And be rapt forever in its perfect peace.



## Devotions to the Holy Name

Devotion to the Holy Name is based on the commandment of Christ, that we should pray in His Name, and also on the second precept of the Decalogue which obliges us to honor the name of God.

### Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

**L**ORD, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, hear us.  
Jesus, graciously hear us.  
God, the Father of heaven,  
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God, the Holy Ghost,  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
Jesus, Son of the living God,  
Jesus, splendor of the Father,  
Jesus, brightness of eternal Light,  
Jesus, king of glory,  
Jesus, sun of justice,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,  
 Jesus, most amiable,  
 Jesus, most admirable,  
 Jesus, the mighty God,  
 Jesus, father of the world to come,  
 Jesus, angel of the great council,  
 Jesus, most powerful,  
 Jesus, most patient,  
 Jesus, most obedient,  
 Jesus, meek and humble of heart,  
 Jesus, lover of chastity,  
 Jesus, lover of us,  
 Jesus, God of peace,  
 Jesus, author of life,  
 Jesus, example of virtues,  
 Jesus, zealous lover of souls,  
 Jesus, our God,  
 Jesus, our refuge,  
 Jesus, father of the poor,  
 Jesus, treasure of the faithful,  
 Jesus, good shepherd,  
 Jesus, true light,  
 Jesus, eternal wisdom,  
 Jesus, infinite goodness,  
 Jesus, our way and our life,  
 Jesus, joy of angels,  
 Jesus, king of the Patriarchs,  
 Jesus, master of Apostles,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, teacher of Evangelists,  
 Jesus, strength of Martyrs,  
 Jesus, light of Confessors,  
 Jesus, purity of Virgins,  
 Jesus, crown of all Saints,

Have mercy  
on us.

Be merciful, spare us, O Jesus.  
 Be merciful, hear us, O Jesus.  
 From all evil,  
 From all sin,  
 From Thy wrath,  
 From the snares of the devil,  
 From the spirit of fornication,  
 From everlasting death,  
 From the neglect of Thine inspira-  
 tions,

Through the mystery of Thy holy  
 Incarnation,  
 Through Thy nativity,  
 Through Thine infancy,  
 Through Thy most divine life,  
 Through Thy labors,  
 Through Thine agony and passion,  
 Through Thy cross and dereliction,  
 Through Thy sufferings,  
 Through Thy death and burial,  
 Through Thy resurrection,  
 Through Thy ascension,  
 Through the institution of the most  
 holy Eucharist,

Jesus, deliver us.

Through Thy joys, *Jesus, deliver us.*  
Through Thy glory, *Jesus, deliver us.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
of the world, *Jesus, spare us.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
of the world, *Jesus, graciously hear us.*  
Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
of the world, *Jesus, have mercy on us.*  
*Jesus, hear us. Jesus, graciously hear us.*

*Let us Pray*

**O** LORD Jesus Christ, Who hast said:  
"Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and  
ye shall find; knock, and it shall be  
opened unto you"; grant, we beseech  
Thee, unto us who ask the gift of Thy  
most divine love, that we may ever love  
Thee with our whole hearts, words and  
works, and never cease from Thy praise.

Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual  
fear as well as love of Thy holy Name,  
for Thou never ceasest to govern those  
whom Thou foundest upon the solidity  
of Thy love. Who livest and reignest  
forever and ever.

(Ind. of 300 days, once a day. — LEO XIII  
Jan. 16, 1886.)

**An Act of Reparation for Blasphemies  
Uttered Against the Holy Name**

**O** JESUS, Son of the living God, our  
Saviour and Redeemer, behold us prostrate  
at Thy feet. We beg pardon, and  
make this act of reparation for all the  
blasphemies uttered against Thy holy  
Name, for all the outrages committed  
against Thee in the most holy Sacrament  
of the altar, for all irreverence shown  
to Thy most blessed and immaculate  
Mother, and for all the calumnies spoken  
against Thy Spouse, our holy mother,  
the Catholic Church. O Jesus, who  
didst say: "Whatever you shall ask the  
Father in My Name, that I will do,"  
we pray and beseech Thee for our brethren  
who are living in danger of sin, that  
Thou wouldst preserve them from the  
seductions of apostasy. Save them who  
stand over the abyss; give them light  
and knowledge of the truth, power and  
strength in the conflict against evil,  
and perseverance in faith and active  
charity. And therefore, most merciful

Jesus, do we pray to the Father in Thy Name, with Whom Thou livest and reignest in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

(Ind. of 300 days, once a day. — LEO XIII. May 13, 1903.)

### Invocations

#### Jesus and Mary.

(Ind. of 300 days, each time. — PRUS X. Oct. 20, 1904.)

Saviour of the world, have mercy on us.

(Ind. of 50 days, once a day. — LEO XIII. Feb. 21, 1891.)

### Doxology

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

May the holy Name of Jesus be infinitely blessed (*five times*).



### Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The honor and worship now given to the Sacred Heart of Jesus had its origin through the revelations made to St. Margaret Mary in the seventeenth century.

#### Litany of the Sacred Heart

LORD, have mercy on us.  
 Christ, have mercy on us.  
 Lord, have mercy on us.  
 Christ, hear us.  
 Christ, graciously hear us.  
 God, the Father of Heaven,  
 God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
 God, the Holy Ghost,  
 Holy Trinity, one God,  
 Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal  
 Father,  
 Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy  
 Ghost in the womb of the Virgin  
 Mother,

*Have mercy on us.*



Heart of Jesus, substantially united  
to the Word of God,  
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,  
Heart of Jesus, sacred temple of God,  
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the  
Most High,  
Heart of Jesus, house of God and  
gate of heaven,  
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of  
charity,  
Heart of Jesus, abode of justice and  
love,  
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and  
love,  
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,  
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all  
praise,  
Heart of Jesus, king and centre of all  
hearts,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom are all the  
treasures of wisdom and knowledge,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom dwells the  
fullness of divinity,  
Heart of Jesus, in Whom the Father  
was well pleased,  
Heart of Jesus, of Whose fullness we  
have all received,

*Have mercy on us.*

Heart of Jesus, desire of the ever-  
lasting hills,  
Heart of Jesus, patient and most  
merciful,  
Heart of Jesus, enriching all who in-  
voke Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and  
holiness,  
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our  
sins,  
Heart of Jesus, loaded down with  
opprobrium,  
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses,  
Heart of Jesus, obedient unto death,  
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,  
Heart of Jesus, source of all consol-  
ation,  
Heart of Jesus, our life and resur-  
rection,  
Heart of Jesus, our peace and recon-  
ciliation,  
Heart of Jesus, victim for sin,  
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those  
who trust in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die  
in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,

*Have mercy on us.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart.

R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

### *Let us Pray*

**O** ALMIGHTY and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy dearly beloved Son, and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee in the name of sinners and for those who seek Thy mercy; be Thou appeased, and grant us pardon in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost forever and ever.

(Ind. of 300 days, once a day.—LEO XIII.  
April 2, 1899.)

## **Christ the King**

### *Act of Consecration*

**M**OST sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine, and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with Thee, behold, each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known Thee; many too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee. Grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger. Be Thou King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Be Thou King of

all those who are still involved in the darkness of idolatry or of Islamism, and refuse not to draw them all into the light and Kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once Thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the Blood of the Saviour; may It now descend upon them a laver of redemption and of life. Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honor forever.



### Indulgenced Ejaculations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

May the Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere.

(*Ind. of 100 days, once a day. — LEO XIII. Sept. 7, 1897.*)

Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, make my heart like unto Thine.

(*Ind. of 300 days. — PIUS X. Sept. 15, 1905.*)

May the Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time.

(*Ind. of 100 days, once a day. — PIUS IX. Feb. 29, 1868.*)

Sweet Heart of my Jesus, make me love Thee ever more and more!

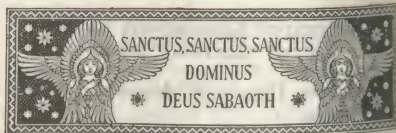
(*Ind. of 300 days, each time. — PIUS IX. Nov. 26, 1876.*)

Sweet Heart of Jesus be my love.

(*Ind. of 300 days, once a day. — LEO XIII. May 21, 1892.*)

Heart of Jesus, burning with love of us, inflame our hearts with love of Thee.

(*Ind. of 100 days, once a day. — LEO XIII. July 16, 1893.*)



### Devotions to the Holy Ghost

*Ant.* Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

*V.* Send forth Thy spirit, and they shall be created.

*R.* And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

*Let us Pray.*

**O** GOD, who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolations, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Act of Consecration

**O** HOLY Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love, I consecrate to Thee my understanding, heart and will, my whole being for time and for eternity. May my understanding be always submissive to Thy heavenly inspirations, and to the teachings of the Catholic Church, of which Thou art the infallible guide; may my heart be ever inflamed with love of God and of my neighbor; may my will be ever conformed to the divine will, and may my whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to Whom, with the Father and Thee be honor and glory forever.

(Ind. of 300 days. — PIUS X. June 5, 1908.)

### Veni, Creator Spiritus

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest,  
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;  
Come, with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
|| : To fill the hearts which Thou hast  
made. : ||



O Comforter, to Thee we cry;  
 Thou heavenly Gift of God most high;  
 Thou Font of life, and Fire of love  
 || : And sweet Anointing from above. : ||

Drive far away our deadly foe  
 And peace for evermore bestow;  
 If Thou be our preventing Guide  
 || : No evil can our steps betide. : ||

Praise we the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, with Thee One;  
 And may the Son on us bestow  
 || : The gifts that from the Spirit  
       flow. : ||



## The Stations of the Cross

This holy devotion commemorates the various incidents that occurred during our Lord's painful journey with His cross from the tribunal of Pilate to the hill of Calvary.

### First Station

*Jesus is Condemned to Death*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

*(Repeat V. and R. at each station)*

Reflection: Jesus when condemned is silent. How do I act when censured?

*Kneel, and say after each reflection:*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.

## Second Station

*Jesus Bears His Cross*

Do I bear my crosses in union with the cross of Christ?

## Third Station

*Jesus Falls the First Time*

It is the weight of my sins that caused Jesus to fall.

## Fourth Station

*Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother*

Is my devotion to the Mother of Christ all it should be?

## Fifth Station

*The Cyrenian Helps Jesus with His Cross*

Unlike Simon I am unwilling to bear the cross with Jesus.

## Sixth Station

*Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus*

By assisting the poor I can help and console Jesus in His suffering.

## Seventh Station

*Jesus Falls the Second Time*

It is my repeated sins that caused Jesus again to fall.

## Eighth Station

*Jesus Speaks to the Daughters of Jerusalem*

May Jesus give me the grace to weep for my own sins.

## Ninth Station

*Jesus Falls the Third Time*

Give me the grace, O Lord, to correct my evil habits which cause my many falls into sin.

## Tenth Station

*Jesus is Stripped of His Garments*

Strip me, O Lord, of attachment to the things of earth.

## Eleventh Station

*Jesus is Nailed to the Cross*

May my heart be nailed to the cross  
of Jesus so as never to be separated from  
His love.

## Twelfth Station

*Jesus Dies on the Cross*

Do I try to live for Jesus? He died  
for me.

## Thirteenth Station

*Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross*

May the Mother of Christ intercede  
for us in the hour of death.

## Fourteenth Station

*Jesus is Placed in the Sepulchre*

May I die to the world and to myself  
that I may rise gloriously with Christ.

*Here five Our Fathers and five Hail  
Marys are recited to gain the indulgences*



## Devotions to The Blessed Virgin

THE FIRST PART OF THE MOST  
HOLY ROSARY

## The Five Joyful Mysteries

1. *The Annunciation*

Beg of Mary, the lowly handmaid of  
the Lord, to obtain for you the virtue  
of humility. *Our Father, etc.*

2. *The Visitation*

Let us imitate the charity of the Blessed  
Virgin, who made a long journey to visit  
her cousin Elizabeth. *Our Father, etc.*

3. *The Birth of Our Lord*

The poverty of the stable of Bethlehem should teach us detachment from the things of this world. *Our Father, etc.*

4. *The Presentation*

Mary's submission to the Jewish law is a lesson of obedience. *Our Father, etc.*

5. *The Finding in the Temple*

Ask that we may never be separated from Our Lord by sin. *Our Father, etc.*

## Salve Regina

**H**AIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O Queen of the most holy Rosary.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Let us Pray*

**O** GOD, Whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that, meditating on these mysteries in the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord.

## THE SECOND PART OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

*The Five Sorrowful Mysteries*

1. *The Prayer and Bloody Sweat of our Blessed Saviour in the Garden*

Our Lord's sorrowful agony should teach us to sorrow for our sins. *Our Father, etc.*



2. *The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar*

Let us scourge ourselves by the mortification of our passions. *Our Father, etc.*

3. *The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns*

The mockery suffered by Our Lord teaches that we should seek the approval of God rather than that of man. *Our Father, etc.*

4. *Jesus Carries His Cross*

If we would be disciples of Christ, let us take up our cross and follow Him, by imitating His patience in time of trial. *Our Father, etc.*

5. *The Crucifixion*

Our Lord's prayer for His executioners is an example of forgiveness of injuries. *Our Father, etc. Salve Regina, etc. (as before).*

## THE THIRD PART OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

## The Five Glorious Mysteries

1. *The Resurrection*

Let us be steadfast in the profession and practice of our faith, of which the Resurrection is the foundation. *Our Father, etc.*

2. *The Ascension*

Our Lord's Ascension into heaven should inspire us with hope of future blessedness. *Our Father, etc.*

3. *The Descent of the Holy Ghost*

May the Holy Ghost enkindle in us the fire of divine charity. *Our Father, etc.*

4. *The Assumption*

Ask of Our Lady her assistance at the hour of our death. *Our Father, etc.*

5. *The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin*

Be always devoted to the Queen of the Holy Rosary. *Our Father, etc. Salve Regina, etc. (as before).*

# Litany of the Blessed Virgin

**W**ORD, have mercy on us.  
 Christ, have mercy on us.  
 Lord, have mercy on us.  
 Christ, hear us.  
 Christ, graciously hear us.  
 God, the Father of heaven, have mercy  
 on us.  
 God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
 have mercy on us.  
 God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.  
 Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,  
 Holy Mother of God,  
 Holy Virgin of virgins,  
 Mother of Christ,  
 Mother of divine grace,  
 Mother most pure,  
 Mother most chaste,  
 Mother inviolate,  
 Mother undefiled,  
 Mother most amiable,  
 Mother most admirable,  
 Mother of good counsel,  
 Mother of our Creator,  
 Mother of our Saviour,  
 Virgin most prudent.

Pray for us.

Virgin most venerable,  
 Virgin most renowned,  
 Virgin most powerful,  
 Virgin most merciful,  
 Virgin most faithful,  
 Mirror of Justice,  
 Seat of wisdom,  
 Cause of our joy,  
 Spiritual vessel,  
 Vessel of honor,  
 Vessel of singular devotion,  
 Mystical rose,  
 Tower of David,  
 Tower of ivory,  
 House of gold,  
 Ark of the covenant,  
 Gate of heaven,  
 Morning star,  
 Health of the weak,  
 Refuge of sinners,  
 Comforter of the afflicted,  
 Help of Christians,  
 Queen of angels,  
 Queen of patriarchs,  
 Queen of prophets,  
 Queen of apostles,  
 Queen of martyrs,  
 Queen of confessors,

Pray for us.

Queen of virgins,  
 Queen of all saints,  
 Queen conceived without original sin,  
 Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
 Queen of peace,

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
 of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
 of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
 of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of  
 the promises of Christ.

### *Let us Pray*

**P**OUR forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,  
 Thy grace into our hearts, that we to  
 whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy  
 Son was made known by the message of  
 an angel, may by His passion and cross  
 be brought to the glory of His resurrec-  
 tion. Through the same Christ our  
 Lord.

(Ind. of 300 days, each time. — PIUS VII  
 Sept. 30, 1817.)

### **Ejaculations to the Blessed Virgin**

Mary.

(Ind. of 25 days, each time. — CLEMENT XIII.  
 Sept. 5, 1759.)

Mary, Virgin Mother of God, pray to  
 Jesus for me.

(Ind. of 50 days, once a day. — LEO XIII.  
 March 29, 1894.)

Mary our hope, have pity on us.

(Ind. of 300 days, each time. — PIUS X. Jan. 8,  
 1906.)

My Mother, my trust.

(Ind. of 300 days, each time. — BENEDICT XV.  
 Sept. 6, 1915.)

Our Lady of the most Holy Sacrament,  
 pray for us.

(Ind. of 300 days, each time, before the Blessed  
 Sacrament exposed. — PIUS X. Jan. 10, 1906.)





## Devotions to St. Joseph

### Litany of St. Joseph

**W**ORD, have mercy on us.  
 Christ, have mercy on us.  
 Lord, have mercy on us.  
 Christ, hear us.  
 Christ, graciously hear us.  
 God, the Father of heaven, have mercy  
 on us.  
 God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
 have mercy on us.  
 God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.  
 Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,  
 Holy Joseph,  
 Noble scion of David,  
 Light of the patriarchs,  
 Spouse of the Mother of God,  
 Chaste guardian of the Virgin,  
 Foster-father of the Son of God,  
 Sedulous defender of Christ,  
 Head of the Holy Family,  
 Joseph most just,  
 Joseph most chaste,  
 Joseph most prudent,  
 Joseph most valiant,  
 Joseph most obedient,  
 Joseph most faithful,  
 Mirror of patience,  
 Lover of poverty,  
 Model of workers,  
 Ornament of domestic life,  
 Protector of virgins,  
 Pillar of families,  
 Consolation of the afflicted,  
 Hope of the sick,  
 Patron of the dying,  
 Terror of the demons,  
 Protector of holy Church,

*Pray for us.*



Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
of the world, spare us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord!

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.

V. He made him master of his house.

R. And ruler of all his possessions.

### *Let us Pray*

**O** GOD, Who in Thy ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may have him whom we venerate as our protector on earth, as our intercessor in heaven. Who livest and reignest forever and ever.

(Ind. of 300 days, applicable to the souls in Purgatory. — PIUS X. *March 18, 1909.*)

### *Ejaculations to St. Joseph*

**GRANT**, O holy Joseph, that, ever secure under thy protection, we may pass our lives without sin.

(Ind. of 300 days, once a day. — LEO XIII.  
*March 18, 1882.*)

St. Joseph, foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and true spouse of Mary ever Virgin, pray for us.

(Ind. of 300 days, once a day. — LEO XIII.  
*May 15, 1891.*)

St. Joseph, model and patron of those who love the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

(Ind. of 100 days, once a day. — LEO XIII.  
*Dec. 19, 1891.*)





## Prayers for the Dying

In danger of death, send for the priest. On a table in the sick-room have ready a blessed candle, small bowl and shallow saucer, silver spoon, two linen napkins and a handful of cotton. The priest will arrive bearing the Sacred Host, so meet him at the entrance with proper reverence and as few words as possible, holding in one hand a lighted candle. Awaiting his arrival, the following prayer may be said:

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

O God, who for our redemption didst leave Thy home in heaven to dwell amongst us and show to us the way which leads to Thy Father's home, have mercy on us, that we may receive the full benefits of Thy sufferings, passion and death which Thou didst so lovingly offer in ransom for our souls.

We have sinned, O Lord, through our years of life and now in the shadow of death we realise the true meaning of our wrongdoing. We have offended Thee, dear Jesus, in thought, word and deed. Have mercy on us, have mercy. We are weak; strengthen us in Thy sight. We are sinful; cleanse us with true contrition for our offenses, so that we may appear before Thee stripped naked of this world and its wickedness. Thou art near, my God, and I hear Thee calling me to prepare for my appearance. I, a sinful mortal, must account to Thee for my every thought, word and deed.

## Act of Contrition

O MY God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.

## The Litany for the Dying

**W**ORD, have mercy.  
 Christ, have mercy.  
 Lord, have mercy.  
 Holy Mary, pray for him.  
 All ye holy Angels and Archangels,  
 Holy Abel,  
 All ye Choirs of the Just,  
 Holy Abraham,  
 St. John the Baptist,  
 St. Joseph,  
 All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,  
 St. Peter,  
 St. Paul,  
 St. Andrew,  
 St. John,  
 All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,  
 All ye holy Disciples of the Lord,  
 All ye holy Innocents,  
 St. Stephen,  
 St. Lawrence,  
 All ye holy Martyrs,  
 St. Sylvester,  
 St. Gregory,  
 St. Augustin,  
 All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,  
 St. Benedict,  
 St. Francis,

Pray for him.

St. Camillus,  
 St. John of God,  
 All ye holy Monks and Hermits,  
 St. Mary Magdalen,  
 St. Lucy,  
 All ye holy Virgins and Widows,  
 All ye holy Saints of God,  
*Make intercession for him.*  
 Be merciful,  
*Spare him, O Lord.*  
 Be merciful,  
*O Lord, deliver him.*  
 Be merciful,  
*O Lord, deliver him.*

Pray for him.

From Thy wrath,  
 From the peril of death,  
 From an evil death,  
 From the pains of hell,  
 From all evil,  
 From the power of the devil,  
 Through Thy birth,  
 Through Thy cross and passion,  
 Through Thy death and burial,  
 Through Thy glorious resurrection,  
 Through Thine admirable ascension,  
 Through the grace of the Holy Ghost  
 the Comforter,  
 In the day of judgment,

O Lord, deliver him.

We sinners,  
*Beseech Thee, hear us.*  
 That Thou spare him,  
*We beseech Thee, hear us.*  
 Lord, have mercy.  
*Christ, have mercy.*  
 Lord, have mercy.

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### PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, ETC.

*Composed by Archbishop Carroll,*  
*A. D. 1800*

WE pray Thee, O almighty and eternal God, Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy; that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue, with unchanging faith, in the confession of Thy name.

We pray Thee, Who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life our Holy Father, Pope, N., the Vicar of our Lord Jesus Christ in the government of His Church; our own Bishop, (or Archbishop) N. (*if he is not consecrated*, our Bishop-elect); all other Bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.

We pray Thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through Whom authority is rightly administered, laws



are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist, with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude, the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people, over whom he presides, by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government; so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge, and may perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.

We pray for his Excellency the Governor of this State, for the members of the Assembly, for all Judges, Magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare; that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise to Thy unbounded mercy all our brethren and fellow-citizens, throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge, and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and, after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and repose in the sleep of peace: the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation; and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship, and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

## PRAYERS FOR A JOURNEY

**I**N the way of peace and prosperity may the Lord, the almighty and merciful, direct our steps. And may the archangel Raphael accompany us on the way, that we may return to our home in peace, safety, and joy.

O God, Who madest the sons of Israel to walk with dry feet through the midst of the sea, and Who didst open to the three Magi, by the guiding of a star, the way that led to Thee; grant to us, we beseech Thee, a prosperous journey, and a time of tranquillity, that, attended by Thy holy angel, we may happily arrive at that place whither we are journeying and finally at the haven of eternal salvation.

Give ear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to our supplications, and dispose the way of Thy servants in the blessedness of Thy salvation, that amidst all the various changes of this our life and pilgrimage we may ever be protected by Thy help.

Vouchsafe to Thy people, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that they may walk onward in the way of salvation, and, by following the exhortations of the blessed forerunner John, may come safe to the presence of Him, Whom he preached, Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

## PRAYER FOR SUCCESS IN WORK

**G**LORIOUS St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my many sins; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop, by means of labor, the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, never recoiling before weariness or difficulties; to work, above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted,

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, condescending to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Grant, O Jesus, that I may remember Thy precept and example, by loving my enemies, bearing with injuries, doing good to them that persecute me, and praying for them that slander me.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification, avarice by alms-deeds, anger by meekness, and tepidity by devotion.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings, courageous in dangers, patient in afflictions, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers, temperate at my meals, diligent in my employments, and constant in my good resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure, my exterior modest, my conversation edifying, and my life according to rule.

Assist me, that I may continually labor to overcome nature, to correspond

with Thy grace, to keep Thy commandments, and to work out my salvation.

Help me to obtain holiness of life by a sincere confession of my sins, by a devout reception of the Body of Christ, by a continual recollection of mind, and by a pure intention of heart.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death, that I may fear Thy judgments, that I may escape hell, and in the end obtain heaven, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

O GOD, Whose mercies are without number, and the treasure of Whose goodness is infinite; we render thanks to Thy most gracious Majesty for the gifts Thou hast bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy clemency; that as Thou grantest the petitions of those who ask Thee, Thou wilt never forsake them, but wilt prepare them for the rewards to come.

O GOD, Who hast taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit: grant us, by the same Spirit, to relish what is right, and evermore to rejoice in His consolation.

O GOD, Who sufferest none that hope in Thee to be afflicted overmuch, but dost listen graciously to their prayers; we render Thee thanks because Thou hast received our supplications and wishes, and we most humbly beseech Thee that we may evermore be protected from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom His love commits me here,  
Ever this day be at my side  
To light and guard, to rule and guide.

O MERCIFUL God, grant that I may eagerly desire, carefully search out, truthfully acknowledge, and ever perfectly fulfil all things which are pleasing to Thee, to the praise and glory of Thy Name. Amen.

O GOD, the CREATOR and REDEEMER of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that through pious supplications they may obtain the pardon they have always desired. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

#### PRAYER FOR SISTERS

GRANT peace, strength and encouragement, O Lord, to those holy women whom Thou hast called for the instruction of youth. In their arduous duties be Thou ever by their side to lead them on in the continuation of their noble work.



## THE MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions; but in thy clemency hear and answer me.

## A HUSBAND'S PRAYER

O LORD, my God, Who hast entrusted to my care a devoted wife, grant that I may always bear in mind the responsibilities which I have assumed and properly cherish, encourage and lead on to holy happiness the helpmate Thou hast given me. Keep before me always the exemplary life of Saint Joseph, that humbly following his example I may receive the light and strength to make my home a true Catholic household, united and determined to carry on for the greater honor and glory of God.

## A FATHER'S PRAYER

MY Lord and my God, Who in Thy infinite wisdom hast blessed me with the privilege of parenthood and entrusted to my care the innocent souls and bodily welfare of my children, I beg of Thee to light my path that I may lead them on in the ways of virtue, and by example and habit prove myself a true man of God.

## A SON'S PRAYER

MY Lord and My God, Who hast commanded me to honor my father and my mother, give to me the strength and determination to be a true Catholic son, and thereby bring peace and contentment to my loving parents who so zealously protected and led me on through my early years.

### PRAYER IN CHOOSING A STATE IN LIFE

O MY GOD, Thou who art the God of wisdom and of counsel, Thou who readest in my heart the sincere will to please Thee alone, and to govern myself with regard to my choice of a state of life, entirely in conformity with Thy most holy desire; grant me, by the intercession of the most blessed Virgin, my Mother, and of my holy patrons, specially of St. Joseph and St. Aloysius, the grace to know what state I ought to choose, and when known to embrace it, so that in it I may be able to pursue and increase Thy glory, work out my salvation, and merit that heavenly reward which Thou hast promised to those who do Thy holy will. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR A HOLY DEATH

DIVINE JESUS, incarnate Son of God, who for our salvation didst vouchsafe to be born in a stable, to pass Thy life in poverty, trials, and misery, and to die amid the sufferings of the Cross, I entreat Thee in the hour of my death, say to thy divine Father: "*Father, forgive him*"; say to Thy beloved Mother: "*behold thy son*"; say to my soul: "*this day thou shalt be with me in Paradise.*" My God, my God, forsake me not in that hour. "*I thirst*;" truly, my God, my soul thirsts after Thee, Who art the fountain of living waters. My life passes like a shadow; yet a little while and all will be consummated. Wherefore, O my adorable SAVIOUR, from this moment, for all eternity, "*into thy hands I commend my spirit.*" LORD JESUS, receive my soul. Amen.

## PRAYERS FOR A HAPPY DEATH

**O** LORD JESUS, God of goodness, and FATHER of mercies, I draw nigh to Thee with a contrite and humble heart; to Thee I recommend the last hour of my life, and that judgment which awaits me afterwards.

When my feet, benumbed with death, shall admonish me, that my course in this life is drawing to an end, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my hands, cold and trembling, shall no longer be able to clasp the crucifix, and shall let it fall against my will on my bed of suffering, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my eyes, dim and troubled at the approach of death, shall fix themselves on Thee, my last and only support, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my lips, cold and trembling, pronounce for the last time Thy adorable Name, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my face, pale and livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay; when my hair, bathed in the

sweat of death, and stiffening on my head, shall forebode my approaching end, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my ears, soon to be shut for ever to the discourse of men, shall be open to that irrevocable decree which is to fix my doom for all eternity, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my imagination, agitated by dreadful spectres, shall be sunk in an abyss of anguish; when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of Thy judgments, shall have to fight against the angels of darkness, who will endeavor to conceal Thy mercies from my eyes, and plunge me into despair, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my poor heart, oppressed with suffering and exhausted by its continual struggles with the enemies of its salvation, shall feel the pangs of death, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When the last tear, the forerunner of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins; grant that I may expire the victim of penance; and then, in



that dreadful moment, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my friends and relations, encircling my bed, shall be moved with compassion for me, and invoke Thy clemency in my behalf, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, when the world shall have vanished from my sight, when I shall groan with anguish in my last agony and with the pangs of death, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my last sighs shall force my soul to issue from my body, accept them as born of a loving impatience to come to Thee; merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale and cold, receive this separation as a homage which I willingly pay to Thy Divine Majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life, merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

When at length my soul, admitted to Thy presence, shall first behold the immortal splendor of Thy Majesty, reject

it not, but receive me into the loving embrace of Thy mercy, where I may for ever sing Thy praises; merciful JESUS, have mercy on me.

*Let us Pray*

**O** GOD, who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death, grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may be made worthy to quit this world in the embrace of Thy love, through the merits of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.





## LOOKING TO GOD ALONE

TAKE no great account of who may be for thee or against thee, but mind and take care that God be with thee in every thing thou dost. Have a good conscience, and God will sufficiently defend thee; for he whom God will help, no man's malice can hurt. If thou knowest only how to be silent and to endure, doubt not but that thou shalt experience help from the Lord. (II. 2.)



## The Manner of Serbing a Priest at Mass

*The priest begins, and the Server, kneeling at his left hand, answers him as follows:*

INTROIBO ad altare Dei.

*S. Ad Deum, qui lætificat juventutem meam.*

*P. Judica me, Deus, et discerne causam meam de gente non sancta: ab homine iniquo et doloso erue me.*

*S. Quia tu es, Deus, fortitudo mea: quare me repulisti, et quare tristis incedo, dum affligit me inimicus?*

*P. Emitte lucem tuam, et veritatem tuam: ipsa me deduxerunt et adduxerunt in montem sanctum tuum et in tabernacula tua.*

P. Kyrie eleison.

P. Dominus vobiscum. S. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

[At a Bishop's Mass:

P. Pax vobis. S. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*]

When the Priest says, *Flectamus genua*, as is the case a few times in the year, answer, *Levate.*

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.  
S. Amen.

At the end of the Epistle say, *Deo gratias*; then remove the book to the other side of the Altar, and always kneel or stand on the side opposite to that on which the book has been placed.

P. Dominus vobiscum. S. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

P. *Sequentia sancti evangelii secundum N.*

Making the sign of the Cross on your forehead, mouth, and breast, say:

S. *Gloria tibi, Domine.*

Stand during the Gospel, and at the end say:

S. *Laus tibi, Christe.*

B. Dominus vobiscum. S. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

Here give the wine and water, and prepare the basin, water, and towel for the Priest. When the Priest has washed his fingers, kneel in your former place, and answer:

P. Orate fratres, etc.

S. *Suscipiat Dominus sacrificium de manibus tuis ad laudem et gloriam nominis sui, ad utilitatem quoque nostram, totiusque Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ.*

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.  
S. Amen.

P. Dominus vobiscum. S. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

P. Sursum corda. S. *Habemus ad Dominum.*

P. *Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro.* S. *Dignum et iustum est.*

At Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus ring the bell. When you see the Priest spread his hands over the chalice, give warning, by the bell, of the Consecration which is about to be made. Then holding up the chasuble with your left hand, and having the bell in your right, ring during the elevation of the host and of the chalice. As often as you pass by the Blessed Sacrament make a genuflection.

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.  
S. Amen.

P. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem.

S. *Sed libera nos a malo.*

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.  
S. Amen.

P. Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum.  
S. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

*When the Priest says Domine, non sum dignus, ring the bell; and after his Communion, if there are communicants, prepare the cloth and say the Confiteor. After they have received, serve the Priest with wine and water, for the ablutions. Then remove the book to the other side of the Altar, take away the cloth from the communicants, and return to your place.*

P. Dominus vobiscum. S. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

P. Per omnia sæcula sæculorum.  
S. Amen.

P. Dominus vobiscum. S. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

P. *Ite; missa est: or, Benedicamus Domino.* S. *Deo gratias.*

*In Masses for the dead:*

P. *Requiescant in pace.* S. *Amen.*

[*At a Bishop's Mass:*

P. Adjutorium nostrum in nomine Domini.

S. *Qui fecit cælum et terram.*

P. Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

S. *Ex hoc nunc et usque in sæculum.]*

Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus,  
Pater ✠ et Filius et Spiritus Sanctus.  
S. Amen.

*Remove the book to the Gospel side, if it be left open; kneel as you pass, to receive the Priest's blessing, answering Amen.*

P. Dominus vobiscum. S. *Et cum spiritu tuo.*

P. *Initium (or, Sequentia) sancti evangelii, etc.*

S. *Gloria tibi, Domine.*

*At the end say, Deo gratias.*

